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United States Tennis Association (USTA) Names the City of Florence Department of Athletics and Sports Tourism the 2023 USTA Southern Outstanding Parks & Recreations Department Award

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FLORENCE, SC – The City of Florence was honored with the 2023 Southern Outstanding Parks and Recreations Department Award at the USTA Southern Annual Meeting during the J. Randolph Gregson Awards Ceremony and Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Tim Wilson, director of athletics and sports tourism, accepted the award on behalf of the City of Florence.

This award recognizes the City of Florence Department of Athletics and Sports Tourism’s commitment toward the growth and development of tennis in the community. Each year, USTA Southern and each of the states in the Southern Section honor individuals, programs, and events for their contributions to tennis across the South. This is the first year the USTA Southern has awarded a department with the Outstanding Parks and Recreation Department Award. The City of Florence Department of Athletics and Sports Tourism was acknowledged for making the greatest impact in its community during the past year through programming, events, and partnerships.

City Manager, Randy Osterman, said, “The City is proud of this accomplishment in being the first ever recipient of the Southern Outstanding Parks and Recreation Department Award. This recognition directly reflects the dedication of our Athletics and Sports Tourism Department in making such a significant impact in our community. We will continue to strive for excellence, ensuring our parks and recreation offerings contribute positively to the well-being and enjoyment of our residents.”

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