

APPLICATION



City Name City of Pascagoula

Population Under 10,000 Over 10,000

Category Public Safety Planning & Economic Development
 City Spirit Public Works

Title of Entry Pascagoula Pride

Description of Project Pascagoula Pride is a non-profit dedicated to beautifying Pascagoula in an effort to enhance the livability and marketability of the city. In the last year, Pride has dedicated \$425,000 to improvements at the city's Beach Park. The park overlooking the Mississippi Sound has always been a popular place for locals and visitors. The improvements have made the park more welcoming, giving the city a beautiful venue to host events and for families to enjoy.

Project Summary (use additional pages if necessary) _____

See attached.

Signature of Chief Elected or Appointed Official 

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Project Summary:

Pascagoula Pride was established in 1988 as a non-profit organization dedicated to beautifying and enhancing the appearance of Pascagoula. Since then, they have been one of the city's most important partners. Pascagoula Pride's most recent project at Beach Park was completed in April 2021 and included \$425,000 in improvements.

Pascagoula Beach Park provides access to the beach that overlooks the Mississippi Sound along Beach Boulevard. It is a 14-acre park offering a concession stand, multiple playground areas, pavilions, barbecue grills, restrooms, a splash pad, walking trail, fitness stations, beach, 1000-foot fishing pier, and the Hurricane Katrina Memorial. It is also designated as a coastal birding trail site.

With the park's existing infrastructure and rich historical background, Pascagoula Pride established the Barbara Renfroe Fund and used the \$425,000 to enhance the park with additional beautification improvements to maintain and increase the value and importance of Beach Park as a place of natural beauty and culture for the public. The intent was to build a better park by renovating and beautifying the existing facilities and infrastructure, ultimately drawing in more park visitors.

The following work was done during the two phase project:

- Architectural features were constructed at the north and south corners of the eastern border of the park that incorporated signage to help visitors identify the park.

Before



After



- A pavilion-like pedestrian entrance was constructed on the beach side of the park, which has become an iconic image of the park.





- A metal arch pedestrian entrance was constructed on the north side of the park.



- Cupolas and brick were added to the rectangular pavilion.

Before



After





- A cupola and sign were added to the octagonal pavilion.

Before



After



- Wing walls and cupolas were added to the restroom building. The sidewalks were also modified.



