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## HR 343

### Community Parks Revitalization Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Housing and Community Development

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2017
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 5, 2017
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Housing and Community Development

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### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Community Parks Revitalization Act**

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to carry out a community revitalization program of federal grants to eligible local governments located within standard metropolitan statistical areas for various park and recreation purposes, including grants for rehabilitation and construction, innovation and recreation programming, and recovery action programs.

HUD may designate local governments not located in standard metropolitan statistical areas to receive such grants under a partial eligibility waiver.

The bill prescribes requirements, including matching requirements, for rehabilitation and construction and for innovation and recreation grants.

This bill limits to 10% the use of funds appropriated for rehabilitation and construction grants for acquisition of land or interests in land.

A recipient may transfer a grant in whole or in part to private nonprofit agencies for recreational areas and facilities they own or operate which offer recreational opportunities to the general population.

For project approval, an applicant must submit to HUD evidence of its commitment to ongoing planning, rehabilitation, service, operation, and maintenance programs for its park and recreation systems, expressed in a five-year local park and recreation recovery action program.

The bill prescribes requirements for the five-year park and recreation recovery action program under an at-risk youth recreation grant.

HUD may increase federal rehabilitation and construction, innovation, and at-risk youth recreation grants to a state under this bill by an additional match of up to 15% (but not more than 15%) of total project or program cost. The bill limits the aggregate amount of the grant and the additional grant amounts to 85% of total project or program cost.

The bill prohibits the conversion, without HUD approval, of any property improved or developed with assistance under this bill for uses other than for public recreation.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 10, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Federal Lands.
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 5, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.