Children use a directional spray of water at the new splash pad at Hillside Park in Greenfield.

**Greenfield designated a 2016 Playful City USA**

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GREENFIELD — Greenfield has been honored with a 2016 Playful City USA designation for the fifth time.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable. Greenfield has been honored for the work of the Recreation Department in providing play opportunities throughout the community, from special events to the continued investment in the community’s play infrastructure, like the splash pad feature at Hillside Park and a planned dog park at the Green River Park.

“I am grateful to be part of a community that values the importance of play,” Recreation Director Christy Moore said in a news release. “I look forward to continuing to create play opportunities for people of all ages.”

A total of 257 communities were honored with the designation this year.