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Mill Lake Park one of three finalists. Here's how to vote!

ORANGE CITY – Orange City residents: It's time to show your city some love.

Orange City's Mill Lake Park Continuum is one of three finalists for the 2021 Great Places in Florida Award hosted by the state's chapter of the American Planning Association.

It is competing against Jupiter Riverwalk and Reiter Park in Longwood for the 2021 title.

The "Great Places in Florida" award is the APA Florida Chapter's gold standard in terms of exemplifying a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement, and a vision for tomorrow.

This half-mile stroll through Orange City's historic district, the heart of the city, is what caught the attention of statewide experts overseeing the award. The stroll begins with the rambunctiousness of toddlers at the Oak tree laden Evelynn Durant Robinson Playground, the glide of skateboards at Colin's Dream skate park, the joy and laughter heard at the Splash Pad, the serenity of Mill Lake Park and the trails through woods or along the sidewalk, and ends at a restful gazebo surrounded by monarch butterflies perching on flowers.

Voting is open through Sept. 13 and can be done online at <https://florida.planning.org/community-outreach/great-places-florida/2021-great-places-florida-award/>.

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