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SUMMARY INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Frances P. Mainella was born in 1947 in Willimantic Connecticut. She received a bachelor's degree from the

University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Central Connecticut State College. In 2002 she received an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from Central Connecticut State University.

Prior to her position at the National Park Service, Fran served twelve years as Director of Florida's State Parks, which were awarded the Gold Medal Award, recognizing Florida as the best state park system in the country. She was the 16th Director of the National Park Service of the United States and first woman to hold that position. She was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2001. She announced her retirement in July 2006 and resigned effective October 15, 2006. Mainella joined Clemson University Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management on November 1, 2006 as a Visiting Scholar. She is Co-Chair of the US Play Coalition - a partnership to promote the value of play throughout life. Additionally, she serves as Chair of the Public Lands Advisory Council to the National Environmental Education Foundation, a member of Newsweek Magazine's Environmental Advisory Board, a Fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, a member of the Board of Directors for the Children and Nature Network, a member of the Board of Directors for the National Park Trust, Chair of the National Recreation and Park Foundation, and a national speaker on Nature Deficit Disorder, Play and Parks and Recreation, a member of Newsweek Magazine's Environmental Advisory Board, a board member of the National Society for Park Resources, and a fellow of the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration.

In 2002, Clemson University presented her with its Walter T. Cox Award, which recognizes leadership in public service, public land administration, and natural and cultural resource policy. The American Recreation Coalition also presented her with its 2002 Sheldon Coleman Great Outdoors Award. In 2006, she was awarded the William Penn Mott, Jr. Award for Excellence by the National Society for Park Resources. From 2007-2010, the Clemson University Board of Trustees presented her with an award for faculty excellence. Clemson also recently named an award in her honor to encourage women to pursue conservation careers. In 2007, Fran was presented the Pugsley Medal a second time for outstanding national leadership, the highest award given by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. She has also been selected as the Metcalf Lecturer for SUNY-Cortland, the first ever Ralph Steele Lecturer for East Carolina University, and the Calhoun Lecturer for Clemson University. In 2011, Mainella received the outstanding alumni of the year award from the University Of Connecticut Neag School Of Education. Clemson University and the Hartzog Fund named an award after her in 2003 in recognition of her service (Fran P. Mainella: Outstanding Woman in Park Resources Award). Mainella serves on a committee working with the National Park Service, three

state park systems, and Clemson's CCIT and the Cooper Library on the Open Parks Grid, a cyber infrastructure to help connect the widely distributed parks community as well as HEHD faculty representative for "The Will to Lead: A Campaign for Clemson" fundraising initiative.

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SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

This collection contains certificates, congratulations, correspondence, awards, memoranda, speeches, and separated materials. The files have been arranged by subject heading, except for speeches and separated materials which have been arranged by date.

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