



APA Colorado 2016 Chapter Awards

Deadline: Friday, March 24, 2017. 5 pm

Introduction:

The APA Colorado Chapter continues its recognition of outstanding projects, plans and people of the planning profession and requests your submittal for consideration of a 2017 Chapter award.

A celebration of award winners will take place at the annual APA Colorado Conference hosted in Telluride, Colorado October 4-6, 2017.

Categories for project recognition are:

1) SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

This category recognizes advancement in “green” design and planning. Successful entries should show depth in agency collaboration, innovative ideas and achievement of project goals. Sample projects might include progressive, innovative design of a block or neighborhood; a plan to create a more compact, sustainable transportation planning effort including creation of pedestrian and transit friendly communities; the implementation of broad-based renewable and energy efficiency measures; a climate change plan; health-based planning efforts, such as a health impact analysis; the creation of a sustainable development code, green infrastructure plans, or a resource conservation plan, etc. Successful entries should show how the project fits into a broader community and/or regional sustainability effort and exhibit marked achievement of project goals.

2) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This award honors an individual, project, or program that uses information and education about the value of planning to create greater awareness among citizens or specific segments of the public. The award celebrates how planning improves a community's quality of life. This award is for an outstanding process or innovative practice. Have you discovered a new or better way for public outreach and participation? Or have you modernized a tried and true method for superior results? Examples: Neighborhood empowerment programs, use of technology to expand public participation in planning, outreach processes to engage challenging to reach groups, and planning education programs.

3) GENERAL PLANNING PROJECT

Submissions in this category may be recently implemented or have some level of completion that allows for evaluation in terms of their success. Most projects submitted fall into this category and are frequently a combination of a project and a process. Comprehensive plans, code amendments, site/region plans, and other multi-faceted projects are encouraged.

4) PROJECTS WITH A SMALL BUDGET (UNDER \$20,000 PLANNING BUDGET)

This award honors projects challenged with a small budget that serve as examples of creatively utilizing low-cost or free solutions to create valuable planning outcomes. This category is aimed at projects with small work budgets but display excellent results that are difficult to judge compared to those projects with much higher budgets.

5) INNOVATIVE/CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Award for a planning initiative that created extraordinary partnerships and collaborations. Extraordinary partnerships and collaborations might include special interest groups, health organizations, school districts, funding partners, or non-profit organizations. Submissions should describe how partnerships were formed and the methods to maintain them over time. The benefits of collaboration and means of engagement should be described in the award application.

6) COMMUNITY RESILIENCY AWARD

This category recognizes communities, including towns, cities, counties, and/or other unincorporated areas that have made exceptional efforts towards planning for response or recovery from a community-wide problem in the recent past. These communities may have faced adversity due to natural hazards or disasters, economic struggles, or other extreme political or social issues, and have exemplified good planning that includes preparedness, resiliency, and/or response activities. Considerations for the award include the severity of the challenge, the scale of the population impacted, and the numbers and roles of community supporters and partners, and future plans for dealing with similar problems.

7) STUDENT/RECENT GRADUATE PROJECTS

Current or recent students of Colorado schools who have produced projects either individually or in a group which demonstrate outstanding work are considered in this category. Planning students and recent graduates are invited to submit team or individual planning projects. This could be a student project done in course work or internship.

Categories for individual recognition are:

8) JOURNALISM/MEDIA/PAPERS AWARD

The following award honors authors or photojournalists “for service rendered in the advancement of city and regional planning through outstanding journalism or coverage of a topic.” This may include academic or research papers, newspaper articles, journal articles, blogs, or books published by Colorado planners. Journalism/Media/Papers must address Colorado topics or places.

9) PLANNING LEADERSHIP

This category will celebrate a success story! It is for a planner or non-planner whose advocacy, leadership and direct involvement elevated the planning profession.

10) PIONEER AWARD

This award recognizes a planner or public official who has triumphed in the face of adversity! This planner overcame anything from harsh working conditions, to little or no project funding, to turbulent public involvement and successfully completed a planning project. It is not intended that the resulting process or project be particularly innovative or have a great wow factor, but its very achievement is remarkable because of the context in which it was accomplished.

Eligibility:

The Awards Program is open to all planners and students who reside or practice in Colorado; graduate and undergraduate students currently teaching or enrolled in a planning, urban design or landscape architecture curriculum submitting work associated with their academic pursuits. Entries from private practice offices, non-profits, universities, planning agencies, and sections of federal, state or local governments, environmental agencies, and landscape architects are invited. Once a project receives an award, it is no longer eligible for entry in the previously awarded category. The project needs to be current, but not necessarily completed within the last calendar year. Projects or plans must occur primarily within the State of Colorado.

Award Nomination Instructions

Submittal Methods:

Once you have completed your nomination, please upload your document using the link below. If you have issues with the upload, please contact Shelia Booth at Admin@apacolorado.org. Submittal materials shall be combined into one adobe pdf document under 30MB for submission.

<https://personal.filesanywhere.com/Dropbox/db.aspx?v=8a6c62895d67a5b4b4a2>

APA Colorado is sensitive to creating unnecessary hardships for entries. We will not accept late entries, however, if you should need assistance, or would like to suggest an alternative method of submittal, please contact Anna Gagne at anna.gagne@gmail.com or Shelia Booth at SBooth@apacolorado.org.

Submittal Requirements:

- **TITLE OR NAME:** Give us the title of the project and a one-sentence description, or, for an Individual, include their name, title, organization, address and phone number.
- **CATEGORY:** Clearly state what category you're requesting.
- **PROJECT LOCATION:** Provide the name of the place or region that the project took place.
- **AWARD CONTACT:** Include name, title, email address, and daytime phone number, and address. Please note that this contact person will be responsible for relaying any and all information regarding the award to the entire project team.
- **PROJECT TEAM:** Include name, title, email address, and daytime phone number of **all** members of the project team. Team must include the client/town's permission/signature as part of the submittal package.
- **ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET & DURATION:** Include a budget estimate and project duration. Please note any significant time lapses in the project and why lapses occurred.
- **WEBSITE LINK (OPTIONAL):** The applicant is encouraged to provide website links to the finished document or a project website.
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please address the following items for **either** the Project or Individual Category:

For Project Categories:

- A. Describe in one page or less what makes your nomination for recognition outstanding. This is your opportunity to tell the story of your project! Make sure to identify the purpose of the project, the scope, and intent.
- B. Evaluate in one page or less, how the nomination meets the following criteria:
 - innovative (ideas or advancements new to Colorado planning)
 - transferable (is useful elsewhere)
 - excellent (quality of thought, writing or presentation)
 - promotes community progress (contributes to public policy and the public good)
 - effective (what has been the impact, how has the project been implemented)

- also highlight the “factors for consideration” that make it unique
- C.** Identify two persons who are knowledgeable about and support the nomination but who are not directly responsible for it. Include the name, title, phone number and address of both individuals. Inclusion of letters of recommendation for this award submission is suggested.
- D.** Project Images. Please provide at least seven but no more than ten project related images that visually represent the project or team. Images may be of public engagement, study area maps and photos, plan graphics or other imagery. Include captions to describe the images of no more than 40 words per page. Each image shall contain the project’s name and the ordered page number of the image. Recommended submittal of approximately 8.5 x 11 inch (letter size) paper and 150 dpi per image page.
- E.** The above referenced submittal materials shall be combined into one pdf document for submission. If available, your submittal may include additional pdfs of relevant planning documents (such as a Comprehensive Plan, Master Plan, or study document), although website links to documents are preferred to reduce file sizes. Seek to create one pdf document under 30MB for ease of file transfer and jury review.

For Individual Categories:

- A.** Provide a brief (one page or less) summary of the nominee’s work.
- B.** Evaluate in one page or less how the nominee’s work meets a significant amount of the following criteria:

Journalism/Media/Paper Award:

1. Significance to important issues or topics in Colorado
 2. Has helped to advance the visibility and understanding of planning
- * Provide a pdf of the document representing the author’s work with this submission.

Planning Leadership:

1. Work has had statewide significance
2. Success in initiating activities.
3. Contributions to and active participation in APA Colorado
4. Has helped to advance the visibility and understanding of planning
5. Effectiveness, track record in seeing initiatives through

Pioneer

1. Contributions to activities that go beyond the day-to-day routine
2. Triumphed in the face of adversity
3. Has helped to advance the visibility and understanding of planning

- C.** Provide statements of support from at least two other planning (or related field) professionals, describing the nominee’s contributions to planning. Statements should clearly identify the nominee and the name, agency/position, address and daytime phone of the writer.
- E.** The above referenced submittal materials shall be combined into one pdf document for submission. Seek to create one pdf document under 30MB for ease of file transfer and jury review.