



2015 Joint Awards Program



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Call for Nominations

The Planning Association of Washington (PAW) and the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Washington) are pleased to announce the 2015 Awards Program.

For the 29th year, the associations will jointly honor outstanding contributions to the field of planning in Washington state. The awards program is designed to bring public attention and deserved recognition to public and private sector planning efforts, as well as student projects in university planning programs. Our joint award program goals include:

- Recognize exemplary planning efforts in Washington (projects must be located within the state)
- Promote superior quality planning in government and the private sector
- Increase public awareness of the role of PAW and APA in planning in the state
- Celebrate 25 years of planning under the Growth Management Act

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 29, 2015

**Awards will be presented at the
2015 PAW Fall Conference
October 6-8 in Chelan**

Let's Celebrate Successful Planning and Showcase your Projects!

2015 award winners will have their projects/plans featured in The Western Planner Magazine, the Washington Chapter of the APA newsletter and website, and in APA Washington's Planning Commissioner newsletter.

The Nominating Process

Award Categories

1st, select the award category that best fits your project. Nominations should be made for one category only. Listing of one secondary/alternate category is permitted. Determination of the most appropriate category will be made by the awards jury, whose decision is final.

The award categories are as follows:

- ***Students*** – Any project completed as part of an undergraduate or graduate program, including team efforts. Projects awarded in this category should demonstrate a positive contribution to the planning community.
- ***Implementation*** – Examples of projects awarded in this category include: site selection, site plans, constructed projects, project delivery or evaluation, capital improvement programs, shoreline management projects, projects linking planning and public health, and success in implementing Growth Management Act comprehensive planning.
- ***Comprehensive Planning/Development Regulations-Large Cities & Counties*** – (Cities >40,000 population and Counties >60,000) Master plans, urban design standards or guidelines, comprehensive plans, downtown improvement plans, revitalization plans, historic preservation plans, natural resource plans, development codes, economic planning, strategic planning, etc.
- ***Comprehensive Planning/Development Regulations-Small Cities & Counties*** – (Cities < 40,000 population and Counties <60,000) Master plans, urban design standards or guidelines, comprehensive plans, downtown improvement plans, revitalization plans, historic preservation plans, natural resource plans, development codes, economic planning, strategic planning, etc. This is a broad category that includes planning efforts underway across rural areas of Washington State, such as rural elements, natural resource land plans, subarea plans, and local areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDS).
- ***Transportation Plans*** – Transportation planning, corridor studies, transit planning, non-motorized plans, pedestrian plans, and transportation demand management.
- ***Citizen Involvement*** – Community outreach, participation or education efforts related to planning programs or constructed projects, relationship and acceptance of community stakeholders; this includes projects working with special populations such as youth or communities not typically engaged in planning.
- ***Sustainability*** – Creating and/or implementing plans, initiatives, programs, and projects related to sustainability and climate change.

2nd, be prepared to address the following **Review Criteria**:

The nominated plan or project must demonstrate how it meets at least **6** of the **9** following criteria:

1. Outstanding application of planning principles: how the nominated plan or project not only meets but exceeds sound planning principles and practices
2. Implementation of community values: how community values as contained within a planning document/vision statement, are reflected in the plan or project
3. Contribution to specific planning technologies such as wireless devices, web-based tools, permit review & tracking systems, etc.: how the plan or project used emerging technologies and/or techniques plus how your experience can serve as a model or be applied by others
4. Furtherance of GMA: how the plan or project advanced the goals of the GMA in a local jurisdiction
5. Suitability of the solution to the problem or context: how the plan or project provides an appropriate approach to an issue and how it has been embraced or implemented by the community/client
6. Innovative and/or creative solution or project, and demonstration of applicability to other projects: how the nominated plan or project has successfully ventured a new or rarely used approach to a problem and how transferrable this innovation is to other planning scenarios
7. Difficulty of the problem or issue addressed, overcoming project obstacles: how the plan or project overcame hurdles and challenges; describe the intensity of these factors
8. Contributions to social equity: e.g., promoting environmental justice; preventing displacement of residents or small businesses; achieving full accessibility to all, regardless of age, physical conditions, language; advancing economic opportunities; promoting broader mobility and connectivity
9. Creative project financing: innovative approaches used to finance and complete the project using volunteers or student interns, securing funding from multiple stakeholders, public-private partnerships, and other creative funding opportunities.

–With the exception of student projects, all submittals must contribute to the advancement of planning in Washington. (Student projects need only demonstrate compliance with 5 of the 9 criteria).

–Regional projects or plans that extend beyond Washington State may be eligible but must have a substantial nexus to planning in Washington.

—All plans/projects must have been completed within the time period of June 2014 through May 2015. “Completed” means either a final draft document has been finalized for formal consideration by local government (i.e., Planning Commissions, Councils or Commissioners) or has been adopted. For projects that involve construction of improvements, construction must be substantially complete by May 29, 2015. (For student projects, submittals must be completed as required by your degree program).

Note:

1. The following requirements apply to all nomination submittals: Use the attached form for your submittal. It has been prepared in "table" format in Word, which allows each box to be expanded as needed.
2. Submittals shall be made as an electronic PDF file submitted on a CD, thumb drive or via email. Your submittal will be judged solely on the electronic submittal.
3. If selected for an award, one original paper copy of the submittal should be submitted for display at the PAW Conference in the fall.
4. Submittals shall be a maximum of 12 single-sided 8 ½ " x 11" electronic document pages, minimum 11 point font. *(In addition, up to 5 letters of endorsement and up to 5 graphics as large as 11" x 17" in size) may also be submitted. Note: submittals exceeding these page limits will not be considered.*

Payment

Remit payment with the appropriate application fee, payable to APA Washington Chapter. Payment is non-refundable.

Fees (per application):

- Student \$25.00
- APA or PAW members \$150.00
- Non-members \$200.00

Deadline

Award nominations must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, May 29, 2015. Email nominations to the APA-PAW Joint Planning Awards Committee at:

American Planning Association
2150 N 107TH ST STE 205
Seattle, WA 98133-9009
Phone 206.682.7436
Email: office@washington-apa.org

Other Information

- Winning submittals will be retained for archival purposes.
- The Awards Committee will attempt to notify applicants of the jury's decisions on or around August 1, 2015.
- Award recipients will be contacted by the Awards Committee for arrangements for the Awards Ceremony to be held in during the PAW Planning Conference October 6-8 in Chelan.

For more information about the sponsoring organizations, including membership, visit their websites at:

www.planningpaw.org
www.washington-apa.org

Our thanks to this year's APA/PAW Awards Committee Co-Chairs:

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Submittal for: (insert award category here) _____

Please check applicable jurisdiction size: (to insert a check, hold down the ctrl key and double click on the box)

City population **under** 10,000 or County population **under** 60,000

City population **over** 40,000 or County population **over** 60,000

NOMINATION FORM	
Nominee (name of plan or program)	
Location of plan or project	
Contact Person	
Company, jurisdiction or organization	
Address	
Phone and Email	
LIST THE NAMES OF ALL RECIPIENTS AS THEY ARE TO APPEAR ON THE AWARD CERTIFICATE (ADD ADDITIONAL LINES/CELLS AS NEEDED)	
NOMINATION FACTS	
Provide the estimated total cost of implementing the plan or program, if available.	
Funding Information: List all other funding used for implementing the plan or program. For Grants, list type, year of grant, and granting agency.	

CHECKLIST OF CATEGORY CRITERIA

Plans or projects must address 6 out of the 9 review criteria (5 of 9 for student projects). Please check each criteria that will be demonstrated by the nominated plan or program. (to insert a check, hold down the ctrl key and double click on the box)

- Outstanding application of planning principles
- Implementation of community values
- Contribution to specific planning technologies
- Furtherance of the GMA
- Suitability of the solution to the problem or context
- Innovative and/or creative solution or project
- Difficulty of the problem or issued addressed
- Contributions to social equity
- Creative project financing

**NOMINATION STATEMENT – A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PLAN OR PROJECT
(50 WORDS OR LESS)**

**EXPLAIN WHY THIS NOMINATION IS A UNIQUE, SIGNIFICANT OR A SUCCESSFUL
CONTRIBUTION TO PLANNING
(300 WORDS OR LESS)**

**IDENTIFY ROLE OF THE NOMINEE AND OTHERS
(300 WORDS OR LESS)**

**DESCRIBE HOW AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE PLAN OR PROJECT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY IM-
PLEMENTED AND THE EXTENT OF PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

(400 WORDS OR LESS)

**EXPANDED PROJECT DESCRIPTION
(300 WORDS OR LESS)**

**IDENTIFY SELECTED PROJECT CRITERIA AND
HOW THE SUBMITTAL MEETS THE SELECTED CRITERIA**