

Announcing the 2018...

# Great Places in Washington Program

An awards program co-sponsored by the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA WA) and the Planning Association of Washington (PAW)

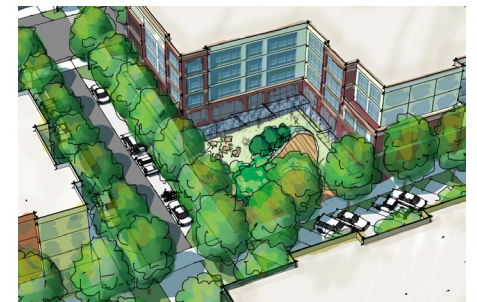
After successfully launching the program last year, we will soon be requesting a call for nominations to recognize *Great Gathering Spaces* in Washington State. Awards this year will be given to three different gathering spaces based on their relative size. Small spaces are generally less than 10,000 square feet, or 100'x100'. Medium spaces are generally up to about an acre in size, and large spaces are more than an acre. This program is based on the American Planning Association's Great Places in America Program ([www.planning.org/greatplaces/](http://www.planning.org/greatplaces/)).



## Awards Criteria:

While the Great Places Committee is currently refining the awards criteria, below are the preliminary criteria. Great places must:

- Be located in Washington State and may be within a town, city, county, or tribal land
- Be mostly outdoors and open to the public and free of charge at least 12 hours a day
- Include a variety of functional attributes that encourage human contact and social activity for all age groups. Larger spaces are expected to include a wider variety of such attributes.
- Feature definable boundaries while having good linkages to surrounding uses and areas
- Features design elements and architectural features that are visually interesting and contribute to the use and enjoyment of the space



## Preliminary Timeline:

Early May – Call for nominations published

Mid-July – Nomination applications due

August – Review submittals

Fall – Great Gathering Space winners announced (at the APA WA chapter conference)



## Who Should Apply?

All are welcome to apply. Examples include:

- Cities and towns
- Community/neighborhood groups
- Chambers of Commerce
- Planning professionals



Sketches courtesy of John Owen, MAKERS architecture and urban design, LLP

## Questions?

View the Great Places website at: [www.planning.org/greatplaces/](http://www.planning.org/greatplaces/)

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Great Neighborhoods in Washington State

