



APA Hawai'i

Annual Chapter Awards Program

2017

The APA Hawai'i Chapter is pleased to welcome nominations for the 2017 Chapter Awards Program. The annual awards are given to recognize individuals, communities, private organizations, public agencies, and professional planning and design firms whose work exemplifies the planning profession's highest goals and ideals. The awards program further serves to raise public awareness of the benefits of good planning by highlighting significant contributions that planning practitioners and professionals make to the State of Hawai'i.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Best Practice	Recognizes a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, or process. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to create communities of lasting value.
Community-Based Planning	Recognizes a citizen-based and/or initiated planning effort that establishes and enhances a sense of awareness of a community's character, values, and aspirations.
Economic Development Planning	Recognizes efforts to transform economies and stimulate economic development in communities of all sizes.
Environmental Planning	Recognizes planning work done to nurture, perpetuate, or enhance Hawai'i's natural environment, such as terrestrial or marine or native ecosystems.
Cultural/Historic Preservation	Recognizes project, initiative, or endeavor that: facilitates the perpetuation and enhancement of public knowledge of Hawai'i's cultural heritage and history; and/or is at least 50 years old, historically significant to Hawai'i and has influence in helping create communities or other places of lasting value.
Outstanding Planning	Recognizes a project, process, or program that exemplifies excellence in planning.
Transportation Planning	Recognizes efforts to increase transportation choices for all populations, reducing dependence on private automobiles and helping to ease congestion and reducing climate change impacts.
Urban Design	Recognizes a project that creates a sense of place, whether a street, public space, neighborhood, or campus effort.
Student Project	Recognizes a student or group of students in an accredited planning program for an outstanding class project.
Implementation	Recognizing an effort that demonstrates a significant achievement for an area—a single community or a region—in accomplishing positive changes as a result of planning. This award emphasizes long-term, measurable results. Nominated efforts should have been in continuous effect for a minimum of three years, not including the time for plan preparation and approval.
Public Agency	This award honors the work of a public sector planning agency that has continually produced a program of exceptional work that has elevated awareness about planning.
Donald Wolbrink Chapter Achievement	Recognizes an individual, firm, or organization for exemplary planning-related activity(ies) which warrant special recognition by the Chapter.



EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following general criteria will be used to evaluate each project or individual nominated. Special evaluation criteria for the **Best Practice, Transportation, Urban Design, Implementation, and Public Agency** awards are found on pages 3-7. All others should use the following criteria:

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| Innovation | Originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures. How does the nominated effort present a visionary approach or innovative concept within the context of the jurisdiction's situation? To what extent has the initiative been used to address the need identified in the nomination? How has the use of the planning process in this context expanded upon accepted planning principles? |
| Transferability | Potential application in other areas or to other projects. How does the nominated effort provide a potential application to others? To what extent would broader application of this effort's components and methodology further the cause of good planning? |
| Quality | Excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, and character of presentation. To what extent does the nominated effort show excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics and the application of ethical planning principles? How were available resources used in well-conceived and appropriate format? |
| Implementation | Plans were carried out successfully or they show promise of being implemented. How has the submission addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation? How have these results made a difference in the lives of the people affected? How effective is it in short, medium, and long terms? |
| Comprehensiveness | Planning principles were observed, especially their effects on other public objectives. How have planning principles been observed, especially in consideration of the nominated efforts effects on other public objectives? To what extent does the effort include elements important to the local community? |



EVALUATION CRITERIA – BEST PRACTICE

Originality and Innovation

Document how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address specific needs. Specify how planning principles have been observed, especially in consideration of your entry's effects on other public objectives.

Implementation and Transferability

Address what steps have been taken to build momentum and public support for your entry. Illustrate how your entry has potential application for others and how use of your entry's components and methodology would further the cause of good planning.

Participation

Explain how various public interests were involved and the extent of that involvement, including those who historically have been left out of the planning process. Show how your entry obtained public and private support. Clarify the role, significance, and participation of planners. Demonstrate the connection between the effort's success and increased awareness in the community of planners and planning.

Effectiveness and Results

State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation. Be explicit about how the results have made a difference in the lives of the people affected. Convey the level of effectiveness your entry can have over time.



EVALUATION CRITERIA – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Planning and innovation	Describe the critical transportation elements that are addressed by your entry in terms of lessening or mitigating adverse impacts from development and everyday living. Illustrate how the role of planning or planners were involved in the development process of your entry.
Plan compatibility	Demonstrate how your entry integrates transportation planning into community planning. Describe how your entry connects to both environment and the economy.
Citizen participation and engagement	Demonstrate how your entry integrates transportation planning into community planning. Describe how your entry connects to both environment and the economy.
Effectiveness and results	State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation. Be explicit about how the results have made a difference in the lives of people affected and benefits the overall community.
Collaboration and partnerships	What strategic partnerships or alliances were developed to help meet the goals and objectives of the nominated effort? What formal and informal steps were taken to engage community leaders and local officials so as to gain broad public support for the plan and its implementation? How have partnerships changed the working dynamic and expanded the support for planning in general?
Transferability	Describe how the nomination's efforts can be adopted and implemented by other jurisdictions.
Measurability	How is success measured and determined? Describe the metrics or evaluation methods being used to gauge success and measure improvements?
Social and economic concerns	How does the nominated effort address not only a community's physical realm, but also its social and economic concerns and issues? How have efforts to improve a community's quality of life been integrated into older neighborhoods and brownfields?



EVALUATION CRITERIA – URBAN DESIGN

Originality and innovation	Document how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs. Explain how the use of the planning process in this context broadened accepted planning principles within the context of the situation.
Compatibility	Demonstrate how your entry integrates and supports the overall planning goals of the neighborhood or community.
Effectiveness and results	Describe how your entry has made a difference in the lives of the people affected. Convey the level of effectiveness your entry can have over time.
Engagement	Explain how various public interests were involved and the extent of that involvement. Describe the level of collaboration between leadership and competing interests. Explain how those affected were brought into the planning process for this initiative.
Citizen participation	What was done to ensure the widest variety of resident and stakeholder participation in the plan and planning process? What steps were taken to inform affected residents and ensure collaboration with decision makers, property owners, and business leaders during the planning process? What efforts were made to engage underrepresented populations such as minorities or moderate- and low-income residents?
Collaboration and partnerships	What strategic partnerships or alliances were developed to help meet the goals and objectives of the nominated effort? What formal and informal steps were taken to engage community leaders, emergency managers, and local officials so as to gain broad public support for the plan and its implementation? How have partnerships changed the working dynamic and expanded the support for planning in general?
Transferability	Describe how the nomination's efforts can be adopted and implemented by other jurisdictions.
Measurability	How is success measured and determined? Describe the metrics or evaluation methods being used to gauge success and measure improvements.
Social and economic concerns	How does the nominated effort address not only the physical impacts of design, but also the social and economic impacts upon a community that result from changes in urban form?



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Document how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs. Explain how the use of the planning process in this context broadened accepted planning principles within the context of the situation.

Effectiveness

Indicate the level of consistency of this implementation effort since its start. State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation. Be explicit about how the results have made a difference in the lives of the people affected. Convey the level of effectiveness your entry can have over time.

Overcoming challenges

Address what steps have been taken to build momentum and public support for your entry. Detail any changes, derailments, or improvements throughout the implementation phase. Identify funding challenges or support for this effort. Report any political changes that might affect, for better or worse, the effort's long-term funding.

Participation

Explain how various public interests were involved and the extent of that involvement. Describe how your entry obtained public and private support. Clarify the role, significance, and participation of planners.

Achievement

Describe how the longevity of this effort has increased the community's appetite for planning and the pursuit of similar initiatives. Clarify the extent that this effort's sustained success has been achieved beyond its general audience.



EVALUATION CRITERIA – PUBLIC AGENCY

Quality	Demonstrate consistent quality of the agency's work. Describe how the agency's program of work has elevated awareness about planning and built community support for planning. Describe the number of staffers, their various roles, and if any members have specific certifications.
Outreach and Engagement	Demonstrate the agency's efforts and skills in engaging community members, business leaders and other stakeholders, and in resolving community conflicts with positive outcomes. Describe efforts undertaken to engage community members, especially those often overlooked, in planning processes.
Innovation	Describe how your agency has addressed concerns or issues within the community in a visionary or innovative manner. Specify how planning principles have been observed, especially in consideration of your entry's effects on other public objectives.
Implementation	Describe the program of work that has resulted in identified and meaningful outcomes that raise the quality of life for all citizens. Demonstrate the connection between planning and implementation with tools such as capital budgets.