

AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION 2021 MISSOURI CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS

Award Category – OUTSTANDING PLAN

For a plan that advances the science and art of planning.

Eligibility

Plan must have been published, adopted, or completed its approval process within the last three years. Published drafts of plans are not acceptable. Open to APA members and non-members. All plans, including comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, corridor plans, smart growth plans, transportation plans, small town/rural plans, economic development plans, environmental plans, out-of-state plans by MO planning firms, are eligible.

Criteria

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.

Engagement. Explain how various public interests were involved and the extent of that involvement. Competitive entries demonstrate a strong effort to solicit input from those who historically have been left out of the planning process. Show how the nominated plan obtained public and private support.

Role of planners. 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.

Implementation. Address what steps have been taken to build momentum, public support, and successful implementation the plan.

Effectiveness. State how your entry has 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 has had to date and you expect to have over time.



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Award Category – OUTSTANDING IMPLEMENTATION

Recognizing an effort that demonstrates a significant achievement in accomplishing positive changes as a result of planning. This award emphasizes long-term, measurable results.

Eligibility

Open to APA members and nonmembers. The implementation effort must take place in Missouri. **Nominated efforts should have been in continuous effect for a minimum of three (3) years, not including the time for plan preparation and approval.** Nominations may include, but are not limited to, plans for zoning or growth management, signage, farmland preservation, urban design, wetland mitigation, resource conservation, capital improvements, citizen participation, neighborhood improvement, transportation management, and sustained economic development.

Criteria

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.

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.



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Award Category – OUTSTANDING PUBLIC OUTREACH, PROGRAM, PROJECT, TOOL, COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

This award is for a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, community initiative or public outreach. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to create communities of lasting value.

Eligibility

Open to APA members and nonmembers. Must have been published, adopted, or completed within the last three years. Published drafts or efforts that have not been completed are not eligible. The effort must help to create a Missouri community of lasting value. Nominations can include, but are not limited to, regulations and codes, tax policies or initiatives, design guidelines, public-private partnerships, handbooks, applications of technology, efforts that foster greater participation in community planning, and grassroots initiatives that utilize a planning process to address a specific need/issue within a community.

Criteria

Originality and innovation. Document how your entry uses new ideas or 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.

Effectiveness and results. State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation. Be explicit about how the results make a difference in the lives of the people affected now and in the future. Show how your entry has increased the understanding of planning principles and the planning process. Provide measurable results if possible or appropriate.

Participation. Explain how various public interests were involved, the extent of that involvement and how your entry obtained public and private support. Competitive entries demonstrate a strong effort to solicit input from those who historically have been left out of the planning process. 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.



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Award Category – OUTSTANDING STUDENT PROJECT

Award recognizes a student or group of students in a Missouri planning program for an outstanding paper or class project that demonstrates the contribution of planning to contemporary issues; best applies the planning process; or applied planning research. While it is appropriate to submit a project or paper on which a faculty member(s) has given guidance, the submission should be primarily the work of the students.

Eligibility

Nominations may be submitted by either 1) the faculty of a university planning program in the state of MO; or 2) a duly elected or appointed Planning Student Organization (PSO) Student Representative. Papers/projects/research completed in the previous three years are eligible. Each program may submit only one nomination for this award.

Criteria

Innovative: Originality of concept or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures

Transferable: Potential application to other locations, projects, or areas of planning interest

Quality: Excellence of thought, analysis, writing, graphics, and character of presentation

Implementation: Effectiveness of the work (proposals have been carried out, show promise of being carried out, or demonstrate an effective implementation technique)

Comprehensive: Planning principles have been observed, especially in considering a project's effects on other public objectives

