

VPA Awards History

2023

- Citizen Planner of the Year: Sandy Gregg, South Hero, VT
- Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning – Steve Lotspeich, Planning Director Waterbury, VT
- Plan of the Year: Vision for the Future - 2021 Town Plan, Woodbury, VT
- Project of the Year: Kingdom Trails, Network Capacity Study, Burke, VT

2022

- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – Tom Kennedy, Director of Community Development, Mount Ascutney Regional Commission
- Citizen Planner of the Year: Steve Kraft of Springfield, VT
- Plan of the Year: CreateVT: Action Plan for Vermont's Creative Sector (Vermont Arts Council, Community Workshop, LLC)
- Project of the Year: Williston Taft Corners Vision and Form-Based Code

2021

- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – Meagan Tuttle, AICP, Principal Planner for Comprehensive Planning, City of Burlington
- Citizen Board of the Year: The Town of Middlesex Planning Commission
- Plan of the Year: Walkable Middlesex Village Study (Town of Middlesex and Dayton Crites, DuBois & King)
- Project of the Year: Rupert Village Revitalization Project
- Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning – Dean Pierce, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning, Town of Shelburne

2020

- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – Seth Jensen, Principal Planner, Lamoille County Planning Commission, & Brandy Saxton, AICP, PlaceSense
- Citizen Planner of the Year – Sally Miller, Woodstock, Vermont, & Shannon Haggett, Vergennes, Vermont
- Plan of the Year Award – Enosburg Falls Vital Village Master Plan
- Project of the Year Award – Market Street Reconstruction, South Burlington, Vermont

2019

- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – Kate McCarthy, AICP, Sustainable Communities Program Director, Vermont Natural Resources Council
- Citizen Board of the Year – Jericho Planning and Conservation Commissions
- Plan of the Year Award – 2018 Berlin Town Plan
- Project of the Year Award – Fulcrum Road Erosion and Drainage Inventory (FREDI) Tool – Addison County Regional Planning Commission
- Madeleine M. Kunin Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning – Ken Belliveau, Town of Williston

2018

- Citizen Planner of the Year – Andrew Montroll, Burlington, Vermont
- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – Jim Sullivan, Executive Director, Bennington

County Regional Commission

- Citizen Board of the Year – Cambridge Selectboard and Town Clerk

- Plan of the Year Award – Rediscovering Chester Master Plan
- Project of the Year Award – Irene Flood Buyouts Project – Vermont Emergency Management, Vermont Community Development Program and Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Commission
- Madeleine M. Kunin Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning – Peg Elmer Hough, AICP

2017

- Citizen Planner of the Year – Pamela Loranger, Colchester, Vermont
- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – Steve Lotspeich, RLA, Community Planner, Town and Village of Waterbury
- Citizen Board of the Year – Town of Bolton Planning Commission
- Plan of the Year Award – Hubbarton VT Town Plan (10/24/2016)
- Project of the Year Award – Bethel Better Block

2016

- Citizen Planner of the Year – Robert Vasseur, Fayston, Vermont
- Mark Blucher Planner of the Year Award – David E. White, AICP, Director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Burlington
- Plan of the Year Award – 2016 Essex Town Plan
- Project of the Year Award – Mad River Valley Economic Study and Vitality Series
- Madeleine M. Kunin Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning – Brian Shupe, FAICP

2015

- Citizen Planner of the Year – Bob Buermann, of South Hero, Vermont,
- Mark Blucher Professional Planner of the Year Award – Melissa Manka, Westford Planning Coordinator
- Citizen Board of the Year – The Development Review Board of South Burlington
- Plan of the Year Award – East Central Vermont: What We Want, The Two Rivers-Ottawquechee and the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commissions
- Project of the Year Award – Barnes Camp Restoration and the Smugglers Notch Scenic Highway, Lamoille County Planning Commission and the Smugglers Notch Partners

2014

- Plan of the Year Award – Town of Brattleboro for the 2013 Brattleboro Town Plan.
- Project of the Year Award – Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development for their Vermont Downtown Action Team (VDAT).
- Citizen Planner of the Year – Hugh Tallman, of Belvidere.
- Mark Blucher Professional Planner of the Year Award – Sarah Hadd, Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town of Colchester

- Madeleine M. Kunin Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning – Sharon Murray.

2013

- Citizen Planner of the Year – Gary Gulka, Cabot
- Mark Blucher Professional Planner of the Year – Sandrine Thibault, City of Burlington
- Plan of the Year – plan BTV, City of Burlington
- Project of the Year – Hill Farm Research Project, Mad River Valley Planning District & Mad River Valley Rural Resource Commission

2012

- Citizen Planner of the Year – Jeff McDonald, Charlotte
- Mark Blucher Professional Planner of the Year – Peter G. Gregory, Executive Director TRORC
- Plan of the Year – Route 22A Corridor Plan, Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- Project of the Year – Irene Response, Vermont's Regional Planning Commissions

2011

- Outstanding Service Award – Jennifer Wallace-Brodeur, AARP
- Outstanding Plan of the Year – Merchant's Row Master Plan, City of Barre
- Outstanding Project of the Year – Cross Street Bridge, Middlebury
- Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year – Will (Chip) Sawyer

2010

- Outstanding Citizen Planner of the Year – Eleanor Briggs Kenworthy and Glenn A. Jarrett
- Outstanding Citizen Board of the Year – Danville Planning Commission
- Outstanding Plan of the Year – Vergennes Municipal Development Plan
- Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year – Faith Ingulsrud

2009

Outstanding Citizen Planner of the Year - Scott Mapes

Outstanding Citizen Board of the Year - Town of Bennington Planning Commission

Outstanding Plan of the Year - Neshobe Farm Planned Community Development of Brandon

Outstanding Planning Project of the Year - Manchester Youth Engagement Project

Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year - Dana Farley

2008

Outstanding Citizen Planner of the Year - Nancy Malcolm

Outstanding Citizen Board of the Year - Shelburne Natural Resources and Conversation Committee for its Open Space Conservation Plan.

Outstanding Plan of the Year - 2008 Rutland Regional Plan

Runner up for Outstanding Plan of the Year - The West Brattleboro Master Plan

Outstanding Planning Project of the Year - Stowe Village Vibrancy Report

Runner up for Outstanding Planning Project of the Year - Town of Manchester Update of the 1986 Survey of Historic Sites and Structures

Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year - Juli Beth Hinds

Runner up for Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year - Faith Ingulsrud

Runner up for Outstanding Professional Planner of the Year - Deb Sachs

2007

Citizen Planner: John Lambert, of North Hero, Vermont

Outstanding Citizen Board: Montpelier Housing Task Force, Town of Hinesburg's Task Forces, Committees and Boards

Outstanding Plan: Town of Tinmouth, Town Plan

Professional Planner: Alex Weinhagen, Director of Planning and Zoning Hinesburg

Outstanding Project: Vermont Land Use & Training Collaborative, Vermont Land Use Planning Implementation Manual.

2006

Citizen Planner: Tom Bartholomew, Bensen

Plan: St. Johnsbury Town Plan

Project: Green River Reservoir Viewshed Overlay District, Hyde Park, VT

2005

Citizen Planner: Al Moraska, Charlotte Planning Commission

Plan: Stowe Town Plan

Project: Vermont Forum on Sprawl's Vermont Neighborhoods Project

Professional Planner: Mark Blucher

Special Recognition: Matthew Rodeck, Barre Planning Commissioner serving in Kuwait

2004

Citizen Planner: Robert Lloyd

Project: Northwest Regional Planning Commission, Shoreline Stabilization Handbook

Professional Planner: Lee Krohn

2003

Citizen Planner: Nelson Brownell, Town of Pownal

Plan: Transit Oriented Design for Chittenden County, Chittenden County RPC

Professional Planner: None awarded

Planning Service: Fred Dunnington, Town of Middlebury

2002

Citizen Planner: Sarah Albert, Town of Plainfield

Plan: Route 5 South Study, Town of Hartford/UVLSRPC

Project: Williston Residential Growth Management Program

Professional Planner: Gregory Brown, Commissioner VT DHCA

Planning Service: John Ewing, Chair, Vermont Forum on Sprawl

2001

Citizen Planner: William Hegman, Town of Huntington

Planning Project: Vermont Forum on Sprawl's "Way to Grow!" Series

Professional Planner: Brian Shupe, Burnt Rock Inc.

Planning Service: Coralie "Corky" Magoon, Chittenden County RPC

2000

Citizen Planner: Linda Leahy, Town of Elmore

Planning Project: Montpelier Capital District Master Plan

Professional Planner: Sharon Murray, Burnt Rock Inc.

1999

Citizen Planner: Wayne Senville, City of Burlington

Planning Project: Manchester Town Green

Professional Planner: Peg Elmer, VT DHCA

1998

Citizen Planner: William Kittell, Town of Fairfield

Planning Project: Stowe Mountain Road Study and Rezoning

Professional Planner: None awarded

Planning Service Representative: David Deen

1997

Citizen Planner: Richard Woolfson, Town of Weybridge

Planning Project: Northwest RPC Access Management Guidebook

Professional Planner: None awarded

1996

Citizen Planner: Bettina McCrady, Town of Springfield

Planning Project: Smuggler's Notch Scenic Highway Corridor

Professional Planner: Beth Humstone, Humstone Associates

1995

Citizen Planner: Heath Riggs, Town of Richmond

Planning Project: Barre City Action Plan

Professional Planner: Michael Munson, RESV, Inc.

1994

Citizen Planner: Bruce Ralston, Town of St. Johnsbury

Planning Project: Historic Church Street, City of Burlington

Professional Planner: Mark Eldridge, City of Burlington

1993

Citizen Planner: Greg Voorhies, Town of St. George

Planning Project: None awarded

Professional Planner: Chris Hamilton, NVDA

1992

Citizen Planner: Guy Page, Town of Colchester

Planning Project: Rural Town, Weybridge Town Plan; Urban Town, Essex Town Plan

Professional Planner: Dawn Francis, Town of Essex