

New Hampshire Planners Association

2020 Awards Criteria

Every year, planners and their work are acknowledged through the New Hampshire Planners Association awards program. The program is designed to recognize a special person, organization, or project for its contribution to the field of planning. Award categories are **Citizen Planner, Professional Planner, Project of the Year, and Plan of the Year.**

The Awards Committee is actively seeking nominations for the year 2020 which will be awarded at the NHPA Conference spring. If you wish to nominate a person, organization, plan or project, please review the following criteria and submit to nhplanners@gmail.com a copy of your nomination form and any attachments (form also available on-line at www.nhplanners.org). Nominations **must be received by Monday April 6, 2020 at 4:30pm** for consideration.

The Committee will work with the winners on preparations for press releases as well as nomination materials and submissions for possible submission to NNECAPA.

Questions or comments regarding the 2020 NHPA Awards Program may be directed nhplanners@gmail.com

NHPA AWARD CATEGORIES

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP/SERVICE AWARDS

Citizen Planner of the Year

ELIGIBILITY: An individual who advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. This could include members of planning boards/commissions, zoning boards of adjustment/ appeals, economic development boards/commissions, or other elected or appointed officials. It could also include the more non-traditional roles of citizen activists or neighborhood leaders.

CRITERIA:

- **Support of Planning:** To what extent has the nominee's time and dedication increased the understanding of planning principles and the planning process, as well as the goals of the organization of which he/she is a part?
- **Effectiveness:** How has the nominee promoted the cause and advanced the merits of planning?

Professional Planner of the Year

ELIGIBILITY: An individual who has made a sustained contribution to the field of planning through distinguished practice, teaching, or writing. This person must make his/her living in the practice of planning, either in the public or private sector.

CRITERIA:

- **Support of Planning** | To what extent has the nominee's work increased the understanding of planning principles and the planning process?

- **Effectiveness/Results** | To what extent has the nominee been effective in formulating and implementing his/her plans and furthered the cause of planning?

OUTSTANDING PLANNING AWARDS

Project of the Year

ELIGIBILITY: A project, program or tool that is a significant advantage to the cause of planning. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how a project, program, or tool implemented a plan. The submissions could be regulations, ordinances or codes, growth management guidelines or ordinances, transferable development rights programs; land acquisition efforts; tax abatement initiatives; projects that encourage participation by those who do not typically participate in setting community/public agendas; or other projects, programs or tools that meet the criteria below.

CRITERIA:

- **Originality** | To what extent does the project incorporate creative and innovative ideas?
- **Transferability** | How does the project serve as an example to others?
- **Quality** | To what extent does the project show excellence of thought, analysis, writing, mapping, graphics and presentation?
- **Comprehensiveness** | How have planning principles been observed, especially in support of other public objectives? To what extent does the submission produce results for other programs important to the local community?
- **Public Participation** | How has the project encouraged participation and included those left out of similar efforts in the past?
- **Implementation** | How has the project made a difference in the lives of the people affected?

Plan of the Year

ELIGIBILITY: A written plan that is a significant advancement to the science and art of planning. This could include comprehensive or master plans, housing plans, capital improvement plans, environmental or resource conservation plans, park or recreation plans, transportation plans, redevelopment plans, economic development plans, etc.

CRITERIA:

- **Originality** | To what extent does the plan incorporate creative and innovative ideas?
- **Transferability** | How does the project provide example for others?
- **Quality** | To what extent does the plan show excellence of thought, analysis, writing, mapping, graphics and presentation?
- **Comprehensiveness** | How have planning principles been observed and to what extent does the plan include elements important to the local community?
- **Public Participation** | How has the plan encouraged participation and included those left out of similar efforts in the past?
- **Implementation** | Does the plan incorporate measurable implementation tasks and goals and has the plan been supported by those responsible for implementation tasks?