



American Planning Association
Mississippi Chapter

2021 MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER PLANNING AWARDS

Best Small Area Project

Overview

This award recognizes an outstanding small area plan that advances the art and science of planning for a community, county, or region. Examples include neighborhood plans, downtown plans, district plans, corridor plans, college or university campus plans, military base plans, and other plans for small discrete (self-contained) areas.

Eligibility

Open to APA members. The award is given for group achievement and may be made to a planning agency, planning team or firm, community group, or local government authority. Nominated projects must have been completed within 3 years of nomination deadline. This award is given for an area that is smaller in size than an entire jurisdiction and is given without regard to population size.

Criteria

- **Innovation**. Document how your entry presents a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs. Explain how the use of the planning process broadened accepted planning principles within the context of the situation.
- **Quality**. Explain how your plan is state-of-the-art in terms of both methodology and presentation. Identify what makes this plan exceptional or how it stands out compared to other plans.
- **Engagement**. Explain how various stakeholder 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.
- **Promotion of Planning**. Clarify the role, significance, and participation of planners in the process. 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 and public support for following and implementing the plan. State how your entry addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation.

Instructions

Please include the following information in a shareable cloud folder (Dropbox, OneDrive, Google Drive, Box, etc.) and email the folder's URL to Gray Ouzts, AICP at gouzts@cmpdd.org no later than 11:59 p.m. CST on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021**:

- A completed Nomination Form, including Project Summary of no more than 300 words.
- A narrative no longer than 2 pages (12 point font, 1" margins) that addresses each of the criteria listed above. Please list each of the criteria as a sub-heading in the narrative.
- A copy of the small area plan (if applicable).
- Five (5) high-resolution copyright-free .JPG images documenting the planning process.
- A one-page press release to be used if selected for the award.
- High-resolution .JPG logos of all entities involved in the process (firms, agencies, etc.)

NOMINATION FORM

Best Small Area Project

Nominator Name: _____

Nominator Email: _____ Phone: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Jurisdiction (i.e. Neighborhood, District, Street, Campus, etc.):

Location of Jurisdiction (City, Town, etc.): _____

Name of Entities to be recognized (planning agency, firm, community group, government agency, etc.):

Name of Person(s) to accept the award (please include name, title, employer, etc.):

Project Summary (300 word max):

Nominator Signature: _____

Date: _____