



2009 APA ARIZONA PLANNING AWARDS

An award program recognizing outstanding professional, student and lay contributions to the field of planning.

Through the awards program, the American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter recognizes outstanding achievements of Arizonans who contributed to the planning profession and created positive change in our communities. Awards are presented October 15 at the Awards Luncheon during APA Arizona's Annual Conference (October 14-16, 2009) in Prescott Valley. APA Arizona seeks entries meeting the overall and specific criteria in all the categories described in this brochure.

The Arizona Chapter of the American Planning Association annually honors Arizonans who have made outstanding planning achievements to the planning profession and their communities. The APA Arizona awards program is an important service to the membership for statewide recognition and celebration of the outstanding work of professional planners, citizen planners and others in making our communities a better place to live. The APA Arizona board urges private consultants, local governments, organizations and individuals to submit entries for the 2009 APA Arizona awards program!
Alan Stephenson
APA Arizona President

DEADLINE

All award submittals must be:

Received at the AZ Chapter of the American Planning Association Office, at or before Friday, June 26, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter
10000 N. 31st Avenue, Suite D400
Phoenix, AZ 85051

Any portion of the submittal (including application forms or supporting material) received after this deadline will be returned at the nominator's expense.

JUDGING

All submittals will be evaluated by APA Arizona's Awards Committee. The Committee's deliberations are open to observers; however, no presentations or comments are allowed. The Committee determines awards at a meeting that is

held in August at the APA Arizona Chapter offices. If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact the APA Arizona office for the meeting date and time. The meeting lasts anywhere from two to six hours. All persons nominating award entries will be notified in writing of the Committee's decisions within two weeks of the deliberations. If several quality applications are received by the Committee, the Committee may award one or more Honorable Mentions per category and in cases where resource discrepancies exist (such as small communities or firms competing with large communities or firms); the Awards Committee reserves the right to present multiple awards for each category. The Awards Committee may choose to award a submittal in a category that is different from the original submittal category. The Awards Committee is under no obligation to grant an award in any category. In the event there are not an adequate number of nominations for Distinguished Leadership or Historic Planning Landmark, the Committee may function as a nominating committee.

ENTRY FEES

- Entry fee is \$75 per entry and \$15 for student submittals.
- No entry fee is required for the Distinguished Leadership, Historic Planning Pioneer, or Individual Recognition categories.

For additional information, contact the APA Arizona Office at (602) 866-7188.

It's that time of year again when the Awards Committee asks you to take a few minutes and think back on the year and all of your hard work. This is your chance to pat others, or even yourself, on the back for work well done! Change is in our state and planners are often the unsung heroes and heroines of positive change in our communities. Please consider taking a moment to showcase to the state, and even the nation, what Arizonans have done to plan for the future and address the needs of its unique communities and apply for an APA Arizona Planning Award!

Leslie Dornfeld, AICP
Chair, Awards Committee

BENEFITS TO AWARD WINNERS AND APPLICANTS

In addition to the actual award or honorable mention, the Awards Committee provides a news release to news media in local communities and throughout the state with contact information for each of the winners and honorable mentions for each category.

2009 AWARD CATEGORIES

NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to consider a submission under a different category than as submitted if that category, in the opinion of the Committee, is more applicable to the entry.

Open

Any project, plan, or study that does not qualify in one of the other eligible categories, but demonstrates a significant and relevant planning related change in a community or the planning profession in general.

Prior submissions have included projects, plans, and studies in economic development; social planning; culture and the arts; neighborhood development/revitalization; brownfield/greyfield development; infill development/incentives; and site planning.

Regional Plan

A collaborative plan, project, or study by two or more organizations creating a coordinated effort across jurisdictional boundaries to improve something such as air quality, travel, economic growth and land-use compatibility.

Examples include: Joint county/city planning, private/public and public/public partnerships, multi-agency processes.

General or Comprehensive Plan (Jurisdictions over 50,000)

A General or Comprehensive Plan or plan update adopted by the jurisdiction for which it was prepared.

General or Comprehensive Plan (Jurisdictions under 50,000)

A General or Comprehensive Plan or plan update adopted by the jurisdiction for which it was prepared.

General or Comprehensive Plan (Jurisdictions under 10,000)

A General or Comprehensive Plan or plan update adopted by the jurisdiction for which it was prepared.

21st Century Development

A plan or project that makes a measurable contribution to the sustainable future of the state or a region, city, town, county, neighborhood or community. The project or plan could result in the re-use of a Brownfield, sustainable Greenfield development, reducing carbon emissions, reducing the use of a non-renewable resource or resource conservation. Please include documentation of the contribution to sustainability that is projected or was actually provided by this project.

Master Plan

A systems plan (for example, a Specific, Neighborhood, Downtown, Park, Fire, Pedestrian, Bicycle or Transportation, Airport Plan) that includes goals, policies, and/or maps and drawings OR a physical land use plan or project or study which is site or problem specific. A **MASTER PLAN** includes, as a critical component, a site plan or systems map accompanied by policies, regulations, and/or guidelines.

Project/Study

A **PROJECT** typically includes an original solution to a local, regional, or national concern or unique problem and includes an implementation plan. A **STUDY** forms the basis of a planning decision(s) and includes capital improvement plans, site studies (affordable housing, shelters, etc.), or trip reduction programs.

Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation/Adopted Policy

Any planning-related policy, ordinance, regulation, or legislation which has been adopted and provides specific guidelines, standards, or regulations for growth and development within a certain jurisdiction. *Examples include: Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs); design, subdivision, or landscape guidelines; development agreements; zoning ordinances; legislation; individual elements of a planning or policy document.*

Public Education/Participation Program

An individual, project, or program that provides public education, promotes participation, or information on planning-related issues or processes with particular emphasis on under-represented individuals and groups typically not participating in community planning. This could include education efforts showing how planning can make a difference to one's quality of life, curriculum designed to teach children about planning, neighborhood empowerment programs, outreach programs to the media, or outstanding media coverage regarding planning. Due to the broad types of potential nominations under this category, the Committee may elect to provide multiple awards to distinctly different but highly qualified nominations.

Historic Preservation Plan or Project

An Historic Preservation Plan as required of Certified Local Governments (CLG) communities, a General or Comprehensive Plan Historic Planning Element, an historic preservation study or historic preservation acquisition, restoration or special project or program.

Historic Planning Landmark

A pioneering document, plan, subdivision, historic preservation project, individual structure, or developed project with historic and unique qualities and used as a precedent for other work. The project or plan must be considered as making a significant contribution to the Arizona community and be at least 25 years old.

Student Planning Project

Any distinctive student plan, project, ordinance, regulation, or program showing exceptional quality may be submitted. Entries may be for any of the award categories and will be evaluated in accordance with the submission and eligibility requirements delineated in this application. Work submitted by a student, student group, or their educational institution **must** be entered in the Student Planning category. While there will be one overall student project winner, the Committee may select additional student projects submitted for a Certificate of Exceptional Work.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each submission may be entered in only one award category.

- **Entries must be made using the attached APA Arizona application form.** Forms must be signed by an appropriate official representing the nominator in order to be considered.
- Applications must include a **2-page**, minimum 10-point type, written summary of the project explaining how the submission meets each of the following criteria: Originality/Innovation, Transferability, Quality, Comprehensiveness, Public Participation, Role of Planners, Effectiveness/Results.
- **Ten (10) sets** of the application and all supporting material, including one original paper copy, must be submitted. The remaining nine copies may be provided in a black and white or color paper or digital format. The ten sets will be sent to the Committee for judging as submitted. APA Arizona is not responsible for assembling or copying submission materials.
- If you would like your submittals returned to you after the judging is complete, please so indicate on the application form. Please note, you will be required to pick up or have your submittals returned to you at your expense. All submittals should be secured within folders or binders. The Committee may elect to retain some submissions for Chapter use.
- Please submit three (3) to five (5) *.ppt, *.pdf, *.jpg or *.tiff format digital images of the project that best illustrate the significance of the submission. These slides/photos may be reproduced by the chapter for promotional purposes and used during the awards ceremony. All submissions become the property of APA Arizona.



- The Committee's procedures prohibit any communication with any committee member on behalf of the nominee. The evaluation takes place in accordance with the adopted guidelines of the Awards Committee. Questions may be directed to the APA Arizona office.
- Awards Committee members may submit applications, but will be required to abstain from rating, review, and any discussions related to the application.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants may submit more than one entry per category. Each submission must be accompanied by the appropriate fees, application form and supporting materials. If you are submitting the same project, plan or process in multiple categories, each submission is treated as a separate application and the appropriate fees and copies are required.
- Any plan, project, or program entered must have been published, adopted, implemented or completed within the last five (5) years, except for the historic planning landmark category which must be a minimum of 25 years old.
- Student efforts submitted by public or private practicing planners, public agencies or municipalities *must* be entered in an appropriate awards category *other than* Student Planning.
- Duplicate awards or certificates may be requested at an additional cost. Please call the APA Arizona office for details.
- At the Committee's discretion, more than one award may be given in a category to recognize differences in resources – such as a small community or agency competing against a larger city or firm.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

ORIGINALITY/INNOVATION

- Unique concepts or appreciable refinement of existing techniques or procedures.

TRANSFERABILITY

- The ability to use plans, projects, policies, programs, or studies (portions of or entirely) in other jurisdictions to achieve the same or similar planning goals.

QUALITY

- Excellence of thought, clarity of analysis, quality of writing, graphics, and professional character of the presentation.

COMPREHENSIVENESS

- The extent that the plan, project, program, or study considered the planning issue in its entirety in a comprehensive manner.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The extent that the plan, project, program, or study included the public.

ROLE OF PLANNERS

- The function or functions performed by the planner or planners throughout the plan project, program, or study.

EFFECTIVENESS/RESULTS

- The importance of the submittal on furthering planning and its impact to furthering state, regional, or local planning goals and principles. Document the success of the submittal or its ability to be carried out.

SUSTAINABILITY

- The importance of the submittal on reducing negative impacts to the environment, economy and social fabric of the community. To the extent possible, document the success of the submittal or its potential for success.

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ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

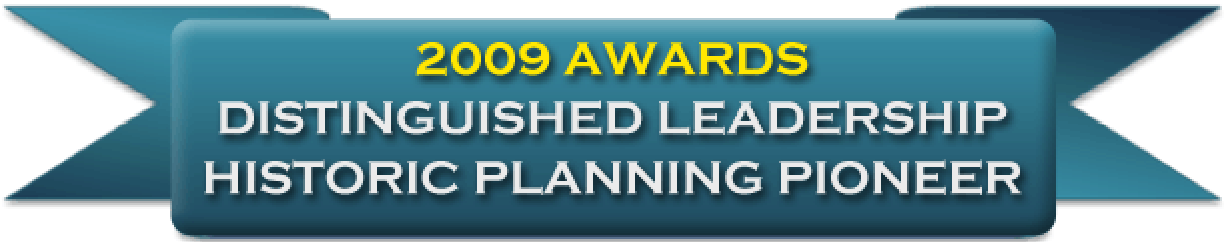
<p>Application name</p> <p>This is the name that will appear on any award, at the award luncheon, and within any news releases. Please ensure spelling is correct.</p>	<p>Category <i>Please select the appropriate category</i></p>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Plan <input type="checkbox"/> General or Comprehensive Plan (over 50,000) <input type="checkbox"/> General or Comprehensive Plan (10,001 to 50,000) <input type="checkbox"/> General or Comprehensive Plan (under 10,000) <input type="checkbox"/> 21 st Century Development <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Project/Study <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance/Regulation/Legislation/Adopted Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education/Participation Program <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation Plan or Project <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Planning Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> Student Planning Project	
Nominee			
Contact Person		Title	
Agency		Telephone	Alternate
Address		City	Zip Code
E-mail Address		Fee Enclosed	\$
		Signature	

Nominee is the only person who will receive the primary award. Please provide the engraving text for your award below and limit this information to 75 characters per line, including spaces. Once awards are announced, secondary award winners, if any, may receive certificates or duplicate awards for an extra cost. If you are notified that you are an award winner, please submit extra copies of this form for additional awards to be ordered. Please contact the APA Arizona office for award prices. Payment must accompany extra award order.

Category		<i>Example:</i> Public Participation Program
Recipient Name		XXXX Consulting
Project Name		ASpecial Town, Arizona, General Plan

Submit To:
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***Complete and submit Application Form with entry.
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 Materials received after this date will not be considered.***



2009 AWARDS
DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP
HISTORIC PLANNING PIONEER

The American Planning Association, Arizona Chapter, (elsewhere we say “APA Arizona”) recognizes planners making outstanding contributions to excellence in planning by conferring Distinguished Leadership and Historic Planning Pioneer awards. These awards are presented at the APA Arizona 2009 Conference in Prescott Valley.

Distinguished Leadership

This category recognizes individuals for making outstanding contributions to excellence in planning in recent years. There are three categories for distinguished leadership: Citizen Planner, Professional Planner and Elected Official. Separate application and submission requirements apply to this category.

Historic Planning Pioneer

An individual recognized for innovative Arizona planning with significant impacts on planning practice, education, theory, citizen participation, or organization on a statewide or regional scale. An individual creating these long-term beneficial results and making such innovative contributions for more than 25 years is recognized with this award.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Nominations are accepted only when submitted by an APA Arizona member. Membership in APA Arizona is not required for a candidate.
- Nominations must be submitted on the attached APA Arizona application.
- All application forms must be signed by the nominator. Unsigned forms will be returned for signature at the nominator’s cost. Failure to promptly return the signed application may void consideration for this year.
- Applications must include a one-page summary, minimum 10 point type, of the candidate’s background and a one-page explanation of how the nominee meets the evaluation criteria.
- Applications also must include telephone numbers or e-mail of two references, other than the nominator, who are qualified to comment on the planning contributions of the candidate.
- Ten sets of the application and any supporting material must be submitted. APA Arizona is not responsible for assembling or copying submission materials.

ELIGIBILITY

Citizen Planner:	An individual advancing or promoting the cause of planning in the public arena. This includes commissioners, boards of zoning appeals members, economic development boards, or other appointed officials.
Professional Planner:	An individual making sustained contributions to the profession through distinguished practice, teaching, or writing.
Elected Official:	An individual elected to public office contributing significantly to planning.
Historic Planning Pioneer:	An individual making significant contributions to the planning profession for more than 25 years.

It is possible for awards to be granted posthumously. Current members of the Professional Development Committee, Awards Committee and APA Arizona Board of Directors are not eligible for award nomination.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The candidates for the Distinguished Leadership and Historic Planning Pioneer Awards will be evaluated based on the following factors:

- ✓ Application of the goals and responsibilities of the planning profession
- ✓ Contribution to planning in Arizona
- ✓ Outstanding service
- ✓ Commitment
- ✓ Effectiveness
- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Significance
- ✓ Long-term results



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DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND HISTORIC PLANNING PIONEER**

2009 AWARD ENTRY APPLICATION FORM

The "Nominee Name" is the name that will appear on any award, at the award luncheon, and within any news releases. Please ensure spelling and title are correct.

Category

Please select the appropriate category

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Planner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Planning Pioneer |

Nominee Name			
Title	Telephone		
Agency	Alternate		
Address	City	Zip Code	
E-mail Address			

Nominated by	Title		
Agency	Telephone		
Address	City		
E-mail Address	No fee required		

The following attachments are required in support of this nomination:
 One-page description of the background of the person nominated for this award.
 One-page explanation of how the candidate meets each of the evaluation criteria.

Signature

Please provide the names and contact information for two references to be contacted by APA Arizona

Reference name #1	Name #2
Title	Title
Address	Address
City	City
State	State
Zip	Zip
Telephone	Telephone
E-mail	E-Mail

A blue ribbon banner with a dark blue central box containing the text "2009 AWARDS INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT GOOD STEWARD".

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GOOD STEWARD

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Outstanding Achievement Award

Nominations are accepted for an individual who has provided a notable and measurable contribution to the community through professional or volunteer planning activities during the past year. Nominations must include a one page, minimum 10-point type, narrative of the Achievement. Photos, news clippings, visual or digital media illustrating the achievement are encouraged. Please also include two (2) references who may be contacted for additional information.

Good Steward Award

Nominations are accepted for an individual taking extraordinary steps to maintain, preserve, or enhance a cultural, natural, or historic community asset through planning. Nominations must include a one page, minimum 10-point type, narrative of the Steward’s role and activities. Photos, new clippings, visual or digital media illustrating the achievement are encouraged. Please also include two (2) references who may be contacted for additional information.

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2009 Individual Recognition Award Application

The "Nominee Name" is the name that will appear on any award, at the award luncheon, and within any news releases. Please ensure spelling and title are correct.

Category

Please select the appropriate category

Outstanding Achievement

Good Steward

Nominee Name

Title

Telephone

Agency

Alternate

Address

City

Zip Code

E-mail Address

Nominated by

Title

Agency

Telephone

Address

City

E-mail Address

No fee required

The following attachments are required in support of this nomination:

One-page description of the background of the person nominated for this award.
One-page explanation of how the candidate meets each of the evaluation criteria.

Signature

Please provide the names and contact information for two references to be contacted by APA Arizona

Reference name #1

Name #2

Title

Title

Address

Address

City

State

Zip

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Telephone

E-mail

E-Mail

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