2017 APA Ohio Planning Awards
Call for Nominations

Our biennial awards program honors outstanding planning and planning leadership in Ohio, recognizing the highest levels of achievement. This is an opportunity to highlight the best and brightest plans, projects, and people in Ohio.

Please join us in celebrating planning accomplishments across Ohio.

The deadline for nominations is **July 16, 2017 @ 5:00PM**.
Awards are presented at the biennial APA Ohio State Planning Conference in September 2017.

Award nominations may be submitted in one or more of the following categories:

- ⭐ Focused Planning Project

- ⭐ Focused Built Project

- ⭐ Best Practice *new in 2017

- ⭐ Outstanding Community Planning

- ⭐ Comprehensive Plan|Large Jurisdiction

- ⭐ Comprehensive Plan|Small Jurisdiction

- ⭐ Planning Student(s)

- ⭐ Outstanding Planner

- ⭐ The Allor Planning Champion Award *updated for 2017

Submission Guidelines & Schedule

- APA Ohio Planning Awards schedule:

    - **July 16, 2017 @ 5:00PM**   Nominations due

    - **August 25, 2017**   Award winners notified

    - **September 28, 2017**   Awards presented (Athens, OH)

- A completed online form and supporting documentation for each nomination is required for review. Only digital nominations submitted according to the procedures in this call will be accepted.

- All submissions become the property of APA Ohio.

- The APA Ohio Planning Awards Committee will review all nominations for eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria. Submissions that do not meet the minimum submission requirements shall be ruled ineligible and discarded. The committee may reassign submissions to another appropriate award category.

- A committee of members from another chapter of APA will jury the awards.

- The committee may award co-winners and honorable mentions to nominations that the committee deems deserving. The committee is not obligated to select award winners in every category.

- Awards will be presented September 28, 2017 at the Awards Luncheon held during the 2017 APA Ohio Planning Conference in Athens, OH. We request that award winners please make every effort for a representative to attend the awards program.

- Direct any questions to Awards Committee Co-Chair Ann Klavora at 216-491-1436 or ann.klavora@shakeronline.com.

- The APA Ohio Awards Committee procedures prohibit communicating individually to any other committee or jury member on behalf of a nominee; such communication is grounds for disqualification.

Eligibility

- Only the following entities are eligible to submit nominations for an award:
    - Members of the Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association
    - The head of an accredited, recognized planning degree program at an Ohio college or university

- Nominations may be for your own work or the work of others.

- Any nominated comprehensive plan, focused planning project, focused built project, best practice or planning student project must have been completed after August 1, 2015.

- Projects may not receive an award more than once.

- While it is appropriate for students to submit a project or paper on which a faculty member has given guidance, the topic, analysis, proposal, recommendations, or graphics should be primarily the work of the student(s).

- Members of the APA Ohio Board of Trustees may not receive leadership or citizen awards during his or her term.

- Members of the APA Ohio Awards Committee are not eligible for any awards during the year in which they serve on the committee.

Award Categories

Focused Planning Project
For a planning project of unusually high merit dealing with a specific subject, e.g. economic development, environment, housing, preservation, transportation, urban design, etc. Project must be located within the state of Ohio.

Focused Built Project
For an existing built project of unusually high merit contributing to an improved quality of life. Project must be located within the state of Ohio.

Best Practice
For development or application of a specific planning tool, practice, program or process. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices have led to creating communities of lasting value. Examples include applications of technology, codes, policies, design guidelines, handbooks, community engagement strategies, etc.

Outstanding Community Planning
For an Ohio community, jurisdiction, organization or agency that should be recognized for excellence and continued effort in utilizing the principles of planning and the planning process. The nomination should demonstrate sustained efforts for a minimum of 4 years. Nominations should address how the plan or project has changed or improved the community during this time.

Comprehensive Plan|Large Jurisdiction
For a comprehensive plan of unusually high merit completed by, for, or within an Ohio jurisdiction with a Census population of 100,000 or more.

Comprehensive Plan|Small Jurisdiction
For a comprehensive plan of unusually high merit completed by, for, or within an Ohio jurisdiction with a Census population of less than 100,000.

Planning Student(s)
To recognize a student or group of students in an Ohio undergraduate or graduate planning curriculum, individually or collectively, for excellence on a particular scholarly or community service project.

Outstanding Planner
To recognize a professional planner for outstanding achievement, leadership and sustained contribution to the profession through distinguished service. Nominee must reside in the state of Ohio.

The Allor Planning Champion Award
To recognize an Ohio citizen or elected official for outstanding achievement and contribution in promoting the principles of planning and the planning process; for ongoing support of and advocacy for planning; and/or for distinguished service on local planning and zoning boards/commissions. Nominations should address how the nominee's achievements and actions further the cause of

planning.

David Joseph Allor was a professor of urban planning and head of the School of Planning at the University of Cincinnati. Raised in Mount Clemens, Michigan, he began teaching at UC in 1976 and rose to the position of Director of the School of Planning in 1989. He was president and trustee of the Ohio Planning Conference (now APA Ohio), helped establish the Ohio Planning Foundation, and wrote the Planning Commissioners Guide. His numerous awards and honors include Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and the American Planning Association Distinguished Service Award. He was also a Senior Fulbright research scholar.

The Allor Planning Champion Award memorializes his advocacy for educating citizen planners and the general public about planning, as well as for the countless hours he spent helping to train local planning commissions, often in jurisdictions that could not afford to hire a professional planner. He was a trusted mentor to many of his students as well as other planners in Cincinnati and throughout the region. Professor Allor continued to champion the practice of planning up to his untimely death at the age of 56 in April 2000.

Selection Criteria

- **Innovation:** Projects should demonstrate creative problem solving by using an innovative approach to the issues related to the project.

- **Transferable:** Projects should be useful models for other planning professionals. The ability of the project to demonstrate appropriate, applicable solutions to common issues and to illustrate successful planning processes will be important.

- **Quality:** Projects should be well presented. Graphic and written materials should be clear, accurate and should communicate the ideas of the plan successfully.

- **Implementation:** Plans should include implementation strategies that are applicable to the context of the plan and be realistic and achievable.

- **Comprehensive:** Plans should address all of the issues relevant to the project. They should encompass, as appropriate, all of the elements of a planning process and all of the variables that will impact the plan's success.

- **Relevance:** Projects and plans should provide a historical summary outline of issues and problems that led to the development creation of the plan/project.

- **Interactive:** The extent to which decision makers and the general public were involved to resolve conflicts where they existed will be examined.

Required Nomination Materials

- **Nomination Form:** Please complete the online nomination form located at www.ohioplanning.org/awards. The information requested in this form includes:

  - **Nominee Information**

  - **Project Information**

  - **Nomination Summary:** Provide a short summary of the award nomination in the space provided in the online form [500 words maximum].

  - **Selection Criteria:** Include a narrative of how the nominated project/person meets each of the applicable category and selection criteria in the space provided in the online form [1500 words maximum].

- **Nomination Documentation:** Please upload the information requested below to a Dropbox folder or other file sharing service and enter the link to that Dropbox folder in the space provided in the nomination form. The Awards Committee will retrieve the files from your Dropbox folder for judging.[1]

  - **Project Report:** Submit the relevant project report, plan, class project, C.V., etc.

  - **Photos:** Include up to 10 photos in JPEG format. Please include as high a resolution as possible, as images will be used in award presentations and may be used in future printed materials.

  - **Letters of Support/Recommendation:** Include up to four (4) letters of support or recommendation for your nomination.

  - **Media Coverage:** Include PDF documents of up to five (5) instances of media coverage.

  Please label files clearly with the project name and document (e.g., Project Name_Report, Project Name _Photo1, Project Name _Letter1, etc.) before uploading to the Dropbox file. The Dropbox file should also be clearly labeled with the project name.

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[1] A free Dropbox account may be created online at www.dropbox.com. Create a folder named with the project name and upload the appropriate files. Click the "share" button to the right of the folder and select the "send link" option to copy the link to your folder. Enter the link into the online nomination form. Please confirm that your link works before submitting the form.