

Announcing the...

Great Places in Washington Pilot Program

An awards program co-sponsored by the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA WA) and the Planning Association of Washington (PAW)

In this initial effort, we will soon be requesting a call for nominations to recognize *Great Neighborhoods* in Washington State. Awards this year will be given to two neighborhoods — one in Western Washington and one in Eastern Washington. This pilot program is based on the American Planning Association's Great Places in America Program (www.planning.org/greatplaces/).

Awards Criteria:

A neighborhood can be based on a specific plan or the result of a more organic process. Neighborhoods of different kinds are eligible — downtown, urban, suburban, exurban, town, small village — but should have a definable sense of boundary and the following characteristics:

- Has a variety of functional attributes that contribute to a resident's day-to-day living (i.e. residential, commercial, or mixed-uses).
- Accommodates multi-modal transportation (i.e. pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers).
- Has design and architectural features that are visually interesting.
- Encourages human contact and social activities.

Preliminary Timeline:

May – Call for nominations published

Mid-July – Nomination applications due

August – Review submittals

Fall – Great Neighborhood winners announced (at the APA WA chapter conference)

Who Should Apply?

All are welcome to apply. Examples include:

- Cities and towns
- Community/neighborhood groups
- Chambers of Commerce
- Planning professionals

Questions?

View the Great Places website at: www.planning.org/greatplaces/

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