



2020 Planning Awards Program Call for Nominations

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The Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APAWA) and the Planning Association of Washington (PAW) are pleased to announce the [2020 Awards Program](#).

For the 34th year, the associations will jointly honor outstanding contributions to the field of planning in Washington State. The joint award program goals are to recognize great planning efforts in Washington, to promote excellent planning in government and the private sector, and to increase public awareness of the roles of APAWA and PAW in supporting outstanding planning in Washington.

Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, February 21, 2020

Awards will be presented at the 2020 PAW Annual Conference in

Chelan, WA on April 24, 2020

Let's Celebrate Successful Planning and Showcase your Projects!

2020 award winners will have their projects/plans featured in the Western Planner Magazine, Washington Chapter of the APA Newsletter, PAW newsletter and APA Washington's Planning Commissioner quarterly newsletter.

[Complete the online nomination form](#)

If you have any questions about the awards process, please contact committee co-chairs:

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I. Award Categories

Select the award category that best fits your project. Nominations should be made for one category only. Listing of one secondary/alternate category is permitted. Final determination of the most appropriate category will be made by the awards jury.

The award categories are as follows:

- **Students** – Any project completed as part of an undergraduate or graduate program, including team efforts. Projects awarded in this category should demonstrate a positive contribution to the planning community.
- **Implementation** – Examples of projects awarded in this category include site selection, site plans, constructed projects, project delivery or evaluation, capital improvement programs, shoreline management projects, projects linking planning and public health, and success in implementing Growth Management Act comprehensive planning.
- **Comprehensive Planning/Development Regulations-Large Cities & Counties** – (Cities >40,000 population and Counties >60,000) Master plans, urban design standards or guidelines, comprehensive plans, downtown improvement plans, revitalization plans, historic preservation plans, natural resource plans, development codes, economic planning, strategic planning, etc.
- **Comprehensive Planning/Development Regulations-Small Cities & Counties** (Cities < 40,000 population and Counties <60,000) Master plans, urban design standards or guidelines, comprehensive plans, downtown improvement plans, revitalization plans, historic preservation plans, natural resource plans, development codes, economic planning, strategic planning, etc. This is a broad category that includes planning efforts underway across rural areas of Washington State, such as rural elements, natural resource land plans, subarea plans, and local areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDS).
- **Transportation Plans** – Transportation planning, corridor studies, transit planning, non-motorized plans, pedestrian plans, and transportation demand management.
- **Public Involvement** – Community outreach, participation or education efforts related to planning programs or constructed projects, relationship and acceptance of community stakeholders; this includes projects working with special populations such as youth or communities not typically engaged in planning.
- **Sustainability**– Creating and/or implementing plans, initiatives, programs, and projects related to sustainability and climate change.

II. Review Criteria:

The nominated plan or project must demonstrate how it meets the following criteria:

1. Outstanding application of planning principles: how the nominated plan or project not only meets but exceeds sound planning principles and practices
2. Implementation of community values: how community values as contained within a planning document/vision statement, are reflected in the plan or project
3. Contribution to specific planning technologies: such as wireless devices, web-based tools, permit review & tracking systems, etc.: how the plan or project used emerging technologies and/or techniques plus how your experience can serve as a model or be applied by others
4. Furtherance of GMA: how the plan or project advanced the goals of the GMA in a local jurisdiction
5. Suitability of the solution to the problem or context: how the plan or project provides an appropriate approach to an issue and how it has been embraced or implemented by the community/client
6. Innovative and/or creative solution or project, and demonstration of applicability to other projects: how the nominated plan or project has successfully ventured a new or rarely used approach to a problem and how transferrable this innovation is to other planning scenarios

Nominated projects must also comply with the following eligibility requirements:

- Regional projects or plans that extend beyond Washington State may be eligible but must have a substantial nexus to planning in Washington.
- All plans must have been completed, meaning a document has been finalized for formal consideration by local government (i.e., Planning Commissions, Councils or Commissioners) or has been adopted.
- For construction projects, improvements must be substantially complete by June 30, 2019.
- For student projects, submittals must be completed as required by your degree program.

III. Submittal Process

1. Nominations shall be submitted electronically via the link provided. The nomination will be judged solely on the electronic submittal.
2. Submittal responses shall be a maximum of 12 single-sided 8 ½ " x 11" electronic document pages, minimum 11-point font. In addition, up to 5 letters of endorsement and up to 5 graphics as large as 11" x 17" in size may also be submitted. **Submittals exceeding these limits will not be considered.**
3. Winning submittals will be retained for archival purposes.

4. The Awards Committee will attempt to notify applicants of the jury's decisions on or before April 22, 2020.
5. Award recipients will be contacted by the Awards Committee for arrangements for the Awards Ceremony, to be held in during the APA-WA Fall Conference in Tacoma, WA this September.

IV. Payment

Payment will be required with submittal and may be made by credit card [HERE](#) or by mailing a check payable to Planning Association of Washington. Payment is non-refundable.

Fees (per application):

- Student \$25.00
- APA or PAW members \$150.00
- Non-members \$200.00

Mail check payments to:

Planning Association of Washington
5727 Baker Way NW, Suite 200
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

Phone: (253) 525-5160 or toll-free, 1-877-460-5880

Email: fawn@aminc.org

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For more information about the sponsoring organizations, including membership, visit their websites:

American Planning Association: www.washington-apa.org

Planning Association of Washington: www.planningpaw.org

Our thanks to this year's APA/PAW Awards Committee Co-Chairs:

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