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American Planning Association – Sustainable Communities Division Announces the Winners of the Second Annual Awards for Excellence in Sustainability.

Seattle, WA - April 19, 2015 - The American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities Division (SCD) announced the second annual Awards for Excellence in Sustainability at the National Planning Conference in Seattle, WA. The awards honor project, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting and growing sustainable communities. The SCD supports planners who are committed to planning for sustainable communities by integrating all aspects of sustainability into their work through the combined economic, social, and ecological factors that shape communities.

In partnership with the International and Urban Design and Preservation Divisions, the 2015 Awards for Excellence in Sustainability have expanded to an international audience, with nominations coming in from across the globe. The winners represent extraordinary achievements in 8 Sustainable Planning categories. The categories and winners are:

- 1) Emerging Leaders' Sustainable Plan or Project Award

Urban and Economic Transformation of Residential Areas Case Studies: Queens, New York City and Donja Dubrava, Zagreb, Croatia;

New York, NY. Andrea Maria Jandricek

<http://customtourscroatia.com/Yellowfield-thesis.pdf>

- 2) Green Infrastructure Project Award

Pendleton Multi-Way Boulevard and Green Infrastructure Project;

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. Cascade Design Collaborative

<http://www.abam.com/portfolio/project/699>

- 3) Leadership in Sustainability Award

City of Austin Neighborhood Partnering Program; Austin, TX. City of Austin

<http://austintexas.gov/neighborhoodpartnering>

- 4) Sustainable Parks, Recreation and Open Space Project Award

Crystal Springs Creek Habitat Restoration Project; Portland OR. City of Portland - Bureau of Environmental Services

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/55261>

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5) Sustainable Building Project Award

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Brock Environmental Center, Annapolis MD. Smith Group JJR

<http://www.cbf.org/about-cbf/offices-operations/brock-center-landing>

6) Sustainable Development Project Award

Devens Sustainable Housing Pilot Project; Devens, MA. Devens Enterprise Commission

<http://www.devensec.com/sustain.html>

7) Sustainable Law, Policy or Plan Award

Mid-South Regional Greenprint and Sustainability Plan; Memphis, TN. Memphis and Shelby County

<http://www.midsouthgreenprint.org/>

8) Sustainable Urban Design or Preservation Plan or Project Award

Scotts Run South Master Plan; Tysons Corner, Virginia. Steve Hahn, Smith Group JJR

<http://www.smithgroupjjr.com/projects/scotts-run-station-south#.VSrxNvnF-LA>

About the American Planning Association (APA): APA is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities. APA includes a professional institute for certified planners, 47 chapters, 20 divisions, and special memberships for students.

About the APA Sustainable Communities Division: The need for leadership on comprehensive approaches to sustainability planning is growing. The APA Sustainable Communities Division's goal is to help planners engage in and collaborate on innovative approaches to this important emerging issue. The Division was recognized for outstanding communication efforts with a Divisions Council Achievement Award for their email bulletin which is published bi-monthly. <https://apascd.wordpress.com/category/bulletin/>

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