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

*New Orleans, Louisiana – April 23, 2018* - The American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities Division (SCD) announced the winners of the fifth annual [Awards for Excellence in Sustainability](#) at the 2018 National Planning Conference in New Orleans. The awards honor projects, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting 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.

The winners represent extraordinary achievements in eight Sustainable Planning categories. The categories and winners are:

**Community Sustainability or Resilience Plan:** City of Hermosa Beach, [PLAN Hermosa - the City of Hermosa Beach's Integrated General Plan and Local Coastal Program](#) (City of Hermosa Beach, California)

**State or Regional Sustainability or Resilience Plan:** Thurston Regional Planning Council, [Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan: Climate Resilience Actions for Thurston County and South Puget Sound](#) (Olympia, Washington)

**Sustainable Policy, Law, or Tool:** San Francisco Planning Department & San Francisco Department of the Environment, [Better Roofs Ordinance](#) (San Francisco, California)

**Sustainable Urban Design Plan or Development Project:** City of Meriden, [Meriden 2020: A Comprehensive Plan for Downtown Meriden](#) (Meriden, Connecticut)

**Sustainable Park, Recreation, or Open Space Project:** City of Miramar, [Miramar Fruit & Vegetable Garden](#) (Miramar, Florida)

**Sustainable Transportation Project:** Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, [Metro Expo Line Phase 2](#) (Los Angeles County, California)

**Sustainable Green Infrastructure Project:** Capital Region Water, [Community Greening Plan: A Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan for Harrisburg](#) (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania)

**Leadership in Sustainability:** [Environmental Compliance & Sustainability Department](#), Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Los Angeles County, California)

**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, 21 divisions, and special memberships for students.

**About the APA Sustainable Communities Division:** The APA Sustainable Communities Division's goal is to help planners engage in and collaborate on innovative approaches to emerging sustainability issues. More about the Division can be found at <http://www.sustainableplanning.net>

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