



2024 APA MD/ MPCA Joint Conference: Awards Submission Form

APA MD and MPCA

I nominate _____ for a 2024 Maryland Planning Award. This submission is to be entered in the category(ies) of: ***(please check one to three categories only)***

<input type="checkbox"/> Long Range Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Interjurisdictional Coordination
<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning/Regulation/Process Reform	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability and Transformation
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Engagement/Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Student Project or Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Revitalization	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging Planner
<input type="checkbox"/> Collaboration Between Professional and Citizen Planners	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement

Nominator Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company / Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



Submission Deadline: All entries must be received by 4:30 PM on Friday, August 30, 2024.

Submission Requirements: Electronic submissions are preferred. If electronic submissions are not possible, then five (5) copies of all materials are required. Please submit the following:

- This Submission Form
- Title/name of plan, or project, or body of work for which they deserve recognition
- Brief abstract (no more than 200 words) explaining why the planner(s) deserve recognition and how their products, plans, or other efforts advance the category description or descriptions selected on the nomination form.
- PDFs or printed copies of related documents, or plans, or achievements
- A list of all individuals or groups who worked on the project (*include contact info*)

Electronic submissions: contact@apamaryland.org

Mailing Address: 301 W. Preston St., Suite 1101, Baltimore MD 21201

Questions: Joe Griffiths, Awards Committee
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Submission Fee: None

I certify that the submitted work was done by the parties credited and meets all the eligibility requirements. I understand that any entry that fails to meet submission requirements may be disqualified. The individual signing below must be authorized to represent those credited.

Signature of Nominator: _____

Date: _____



2024 AWARD CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Eligibility: The Maryland Planning Awards recognize outstanding planning work for projects or programs in Maryland for both groups and individuals, as well as professional and citizen planners. Nominations are deemed eligible if they meet the descriptions listed below for each award category. Additionally, if a plan or project is submitted for an award, the plan or project must have been adopted by the jurisdiction prior to submittal for an award. For any individual awards, the nominee must either be a member of the American Planning Association and the Maryland Chapter, an appointed member of a planning board in Maryland, or a citizen actively involved in planning in their community.

Notice for Firms Outside of APA Maryland's Jurisdiction: The Awards Committee has decided to accept nominations for all work performed in the State of Maryland by in-state and out-of-state consultants. The Committee will not consider nominations by Maryland firms for work performed outside of Maryland.

Award Descriptions:

Long Range Planning: Comprehensive or sub area planning advancing sustainable development, resilience, or equity. Efforts deserving recognition in this category should exemplify complex analysis, broad stakeholder engagement, creative and leading-edge strategic thought, and mechanism for plan implementation, assessment, accountability, and adjustment.

Zoning/Regulation/Process Reform: Changes to zoning or other development regulations advancing placemaking, affordable housing, climate resilience, community connectivity, or other similar goals. Efforts deserving recognition in this category should demonstrate targeted efforts to overcome the legacy and burden of euclidean zoning.

Community Engagement/Education: Creatively and comprehensively involving stakeholders, particularly underrepresented groups, in the local, regional, or state planning process. Beyond engagement alone, efforts deserving recognition in this category should demonstrate how community input was used to develop responsive and representative plans or projects.

Neighborhood Revitalization: Place-based economic and community development which eschews displacement, amplifies the voice of community members, and advances equity. Efforts deserving recognition in this category should highlight leveraged resources, partnerships, funding, incrementalism, and a record of success.

Collaboration Between Professional and Citizen Planners: The success of these two groups hinges on the other and extends beyond public hearings and work sessions. Efforts deserving recognition in this category should highlight how professional and citizen planners enhanced their partnership outside of the town hall walls.



Interjurisdictional Coordination: Planning shouldn't stop at political boundaries. To advance sustainable and resilient development, counties, municipalities, and states must collaboratively elevate shared assets and strategize to overcome shared barriers. Efforts deserving recognition in this category should demonstrate how planners from different jurisdictions pooled their resources to break down barriers.

Sustainability and Transformation: Sustainable growth that transforms jurisdictions and/or communities into areas of opportunity, promotes equitable development, or advances economic and environmental resiliency. Efforts deserving recognition in this category should demonstrate how planners, in collaboration with community stakeholders and planning adjacent professionals, *implemented* long range or incremental plans with measurable results.

Outstanding Student Project or Paper: This award recognizes a project, plan, or paper completed by a planning student or group of students. The student project or paper must have been completed during 2023 or 2024.

Emerging Planner: This award will be given to someone who has entered the planning field within the past three years and has demonstrated devotion and contribution to the profession deserving of recognition. The nominator for this award must be the person's supervisor or someone who works closely with the nominee.

Lifetime Achievement: This award recognizes a planner who has devoted his/her career to the planning profession and who has retired or is near retirement.

Award Selection Process

APA MD and the MPCA established a committee to review submissions and will dedicate a portion of its conference this fall to recognizing the planners that give so much of their energy to the quality of life, community development, and sustainable growth of Maryland's jurisdictions. Those receiving recognition will be notified by the committee no later than September 6, 2024.

And don't forget to save the dates for the [APA MD & MPCA Conference!](#), hosted from October 20-22 in Ellicott City. Registration Page coming soon! This year's theme is *Two Tracks, One Destination, Citizen and Professional Planners Working Together to Shape Sustainable Development Across Maryland*, and the agenda will be filled with sessions on timely topics and issues facing Maryland's professional and citizen planners, as well as those that will fill public meeting agendas for decades to come.