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2012 Merit Awards Submission Information

Thank you for submitting your project for consideration for the 2012 Merit Awards.

*Plan New Hampshire's mission is to promote "excellence in sustainable planning, design and development of the built environment" while championing the principles of Sustainability, Smart Growth, Social Responsibility and creative approaches to collaboration and cooperation. One way of promoting this excellence is by showcasing **outstanding** projects that reflect the mission and spirit of Plan New Hampshire.*

This is not a contest with a set number of winners or a competition to showcase architectural / site design. We will recognize the outstanding projects which best meet the following criteria below.

Please have your application in a three-ring binder and include the following information/answer the following:

- Project information sheet as first page inside cover (see form on last page below)
- Brief narrative overview of project, including a full description of the initial project or challenge and solutions to address the challenge.
 - Projects must be located within New Hampshire and completed in last 5 years (no earlier than 2007)
- What principles of Smart Growth does this project embody?
 - See principles below and for more detailed information search "[Achieving Smart Growth in NH](#)" & "[NH Smart Growth Principles](#)" as outlined on New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning website
 - In the past, exemplary projects embody numerous or even all 8 principles in this category.

8 Smart Growth Principles for New Hampshire

(From: New Hampshire Office of Energy & Planning)

Smart Growth Principles for New Hampshire can help guide developers and citizens as they work together to create development patterns more consistent with community goals and values.

- Principle #1 - [Maintain traditional compact settlement patterns](#) efficiently use land, resources, and investments in infrastructure;
- Principle #2 - [Foster the traditional character of New Hampshire](#) downtowns, villages, and neighborhoods by encouraging a human scale of development that is comfortable for pedestrians and conducive to community life;
- Principle #3 - [Incorporate a mix of uses](#) to provide a variety of housing, employment, shopping, services, and social opportunities for all members of the community;
- Principle #4 - [Preserve New Hampshire's working landscape](#) by sustaining farm and forest land and other rural resource lands to maintain contiguous tracts of open land and to minimize land use conflicts;
- Principle #5 - [Provide choices and safety in transportation](#) to create livable, walkable communities that increase accessibility for people of all ages, whether on foot, bicycle, or in motor vehicles;

- Principle #6 - [Protect environmental quality](#) by minimizing impacts from human activities and planning for and maintaining natural areas that contribute to the health and quality of life of communities and people in New Hampshire;
- Principle #7 - [Involve the community](#) in planning and implementation to ensure that development retains and enhances the sense of place, traditions, goals, and values of the local community; and
- Principle #8 - [Manage growth locally](#) in the New Hampshire tradition, but work with neighboring towns to achieve common goals and address common problems more effectively.

How does this project demonstrate Social Responsibility and/or creative approaches to collaboration and cooperation?

What principles / elements of Sustainability /Green Building does the project incorporate?

- The Merit Awards look at projects in terms of Smart Growth Principles, Social Responsibility / or and creative collaborative approaches. Please describe how the building materials were chosen and the construction process carried out in a way that supports the integrity of the overall project in any or all of these three items.

What makes this project **stand out**?

Please also include the following 4 items:

As applicable: site plans, architectural plans, maps, drawings, renderings (as they relate to the criteria above)

Photographs showing before, during and after project development

A CD of key graphic material (**in jpg format**)

- In a resolution suitable for printing and use in Powerpoint presentation at Awards Ceremony; *no more than 300 dpi max.*
- By submitting this application both the applicant, members of the project team, and the photographer hereby consent to Plan NH utilizing the materials and photographs provided. This includes but is not limited to use of the materials in the Merit Awards ceremony, promotional materials for Plan NH (both printed and digital) and press releases. Please provide any credits you wish us to use.

An application fee of \$200 per submission (\$100 for Plan NH members) is required.

Checks can be payable to: Plan New Hampshire

Please note:

- ***Unfortunately, Plan NH is not able to retain project submissions and would like to return all entries. If you would like your project returned please provide a self-addressed, pre-paid mailer envelope. (Fed Ex, USPS or similar) otherwise the entry will not be retained.***
- ***If the application fee is not included in the submission, the project will not be eligible for review by the Merit Awards Committee.***

Please submit to:

Plan NH Merit Award Committee c/o

Allen and Major Associates, Inc.

250 Commercial Street, Suite 1001, Manchester, NH 03101

no later than Thursday, March 1, 2012



2012 Merit Awards Project Information

Please complete this page thoroughly and insert it as the first page of your submission, right behind your cover. Should your project be chosen to receive a Merit Award, this information will be used for Awards and Press Releases.

Your name, company name, address, phone number, email, and relation / role to the project:

What is the *official* name of your project?

Where is the project located?

Who is/are the Owners? (Company name, address, phone number & email)

Please list other key team players, their companies, and their roles in the project. In the event the project receives a Merit Award, the owner will receive an award and all individuals listed as key team players will receive certificates of recognition.