

## **Plan NH Merit Awards of Excellence Program Outline 2019**

Plan NH believes that what, how and where we build influences a community's health and vibrancy.

Our mission is to raise awareness of that link – within those professionals in the building industries, and within the communities themselves – by fostering excellence in planning, design and development of New Hampshire's built environment.

We champion Smart Growth and Livability Principles, Social Responsibility, and creative approaches to collaboration and cooperation.

One way we do that is by showcasing **outstanding** projects that reflect the mission and spirit of Plan New Hampshire, and that demonstrate how the built environment can make a positive contribution to people and places.

**Nominations are now being accepted for the 2019 Merit Awards of Excellence Program.**

Does your project qualify for nomination?

- Was it completed in NH since 2014?
- Does it demonstrate:
  - Smart Growth/Livability Principles?
  - Social Responsibility
  - Creative approaches to cooperation and collaboration?
- Did it positively impact a community's social, economic and/or environmental (including health) fabric?
- Is this an *exceptional* project that deserves recognition?

**If so, we invite you to submit a nomination of that project for Merit Award consideration via Dropbox on or before April 19, 2019**

This is not a contest with a set number of winners or a competition to showcase architectural / site design. Although design is important, selection will be based on the project's fulfillment of the Mission of Plan NH and how it addresses the questions listed above and below.

### **How it works/Timeline**

- **April 19: Nominations due, via Dropbox**
- April 20 – May 20: Nominations are review by a jury comprised of Plan NH members representing the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, planning, construction, real estate and/or others.
- Week of May 20: Awardees notified
- **June 20: Annual Awards event at Hotel Concord.**
  - OWNERS will receive an award;
  - Key team members will receive certificates of recognition.

Questions? Call the Plan NH offices at 603-452-7526 OR email [info@plannh.org](mailto:info@plannh.org).

## 2019 Merit Award of Excellence Nomination Form

*Please complete the following Project Information section thoroughly and **include it as the first page(s) of your nomination**. If your project is chosen to receive a Merit Award, this information will be used for Awards and Press Releases.*

### **2019 Project Information:**

**Your (applicant's) name, company name, address, phone number, email, and relation to / role in the project:**

**What is the *official* name of your project?**

**Where is the project located (be specific)?**

**When was it completed (must be within last five years)?**

**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.)*

### 2019 Project Nomination:

Please complete the following in the spaces provided:

1. Please provide a brief narrative of the project (which must be located within New Hampshire and completed since 2014), including purpose and challenges (max 300 words):
  
2. What positive impact has this project had on the following aspects of the community? (not all may be applicable)
  - a. Social (eg, bringing people together or creating space that fosters this)
  
  - b. Economic (eg taxes, supporting local businesses, fostering entrepreneurship, attracting new business)
  
  - c. Environmental (eg honoring water features, cleaner air. Might also include health impacts)
  
3. Plan NH uses Smart Growth and Livability Principles as guidelines for its work. Which of the following (combined, paraphrased) Principles does your project address or include? For each applicable to your project, please explain how in 2-3 sentences maximum:
  - a. Support and value existing communities and neighborhoods: Enhance their unique identity through investments in revitalization of existing buildings; foster thoughtful growth and change through mixed-use development, improving walkability, preservation of open space/creation of green spaces, managed infrastructure expansion. Maintain a human scale of development in line with the community's traditional growth patterns.
  
  - b. Provide choices in how to get about: Provide infrastructure for safe, reliable and economical means of travel for everyone to access jobs, education, food, medical services and social connections. Provide means to equitably decrease household transportation costs, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, improve our air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and improve public health and well-being.
    - Create livable, walkable communities that increase accessibility for people of all ages, whether on foot, bicycle, wheelchair, or in motor vehicles.

- c. Provide choices in places to live (location, design, price point): Expand design and price-point choices of where to live for people of all ages, incomes and levels of mobility. Location choices aim to lower the combined costs (financial, time) of where one lives with how one travels - to jobs, education, healthy food, medical services and more.
  
- d. Collaboration and cooperation:
  - i. Creative collaboration/cooperation between or among people or groups; and/or
  - ii. 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/or
  - iii. Manage growth locally in the New Hampshire tradition, but work with neighboring towns to achieve common goals and address common problems more effectively.

4. What makes this project **stand out**?

Please also include the following (as applicable):

1. Provide any graphics that help describe the project thoroughly to the judges; these may include site plans, architectural plans, maps ...

*Reminder: to be included in PDF format, inserted with narrative so that it is all one file.*

2. Up to five photos that show project - and its impact, if possible. These will have to be sent separately from the nomination document.

*Three to five photos to be submitted as **300 dpi jpgs (NOT PDF's)**. Please also note that by doing so, Plan NH has permission to use these and publish them in Press Releases, our websites, and other communications. **Please provide any credits you wish us to include.***

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

*Checks may be payable to Plan New Hampshire and sent to*

*Plan NH ~ PO Box 1105 ~ Portsmouth, NH 03802-1105*

***Must be received no later than April 19, 2019.***