



Annual Awards Evening

Villager of the Year

Class of 2017

Scholarship and Fellowship Award Recipients

Merit Awards of Excellence in
Planning, Design and/or Development of New Hampshire's
Built Environment

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The Derryfield Country Club, Manchester NH

Welcome to Plan NH's annual Awards evening.

Plan NH's mission is to "foster excellence in planning, design and development of New Hampshire's built environment," because we believe that what we build, how we build (anything) and where can have an impact (social, economic and/or environmental) on our towns and neighborhoods.

Tonight, we recognize individuals, organizations and projects that are doing this work and are contributing to a healthy and vibrant future for New Hampshire and beyond.

Villager of the Year – Roger Hawk

Roger was a planner who worked in several towns in New Hampshire starting in the mid-1970's. In 2007, he became a member of the



Class of 2017 Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients:

- Tim Allen, Chocorua, studying Architecture at Roger Williams
- Stefan Burnett, Derry, studying Architecture at Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Kristin Kezar, Loudon, studying Architecture at Wentworth
- Billy Kitchens, Concord, studying Civil Engineering at UNH
- Karri Makinen, Concord, studying Resilient and Sustainable Communities at Green Mountain College
- Reed Doolan, Littleton, studying Architecture at Arizona State
- Chadd Hippensteel, Barrington, studying Landscape Architecture at Louisiana State
- Olivia Mobayed, New Ipswich, studying City and Regional Planning at U of Pennsylvania
- Melissa Olsen, Londonderry, studying Architecture at Wentworth
- Kristen Powell, Hampton, studying Historic Preservation at Plymouth State
- Ava Rohacek, Rye, going from UNH to Northeastern to study Mechanical Engineering
- Ally Rugg, Derry, studying Architecture at Wentworth
- William Toohey III, Newmarket, studying Architecture at Wentworth

2017 Merit Awards of Excellence



Allenstown (NH) Community Center	Owner: Town of Allenstown. When the Boys and Girls Club needed a new space, as did the Senior Center, groups and individuals came together to make it happen. The new community center is in the heart of the town, walkable from school, homes and businesses, and is used by many, many groups.
River's Edge Apartments, Laconia	Owner: Laconia Area Community Land Trust. This project replaced dilapidated mill buildings on the Winnepesaukee River with apartments for lower-income community members. Readily accessible to downtown and Union Street amenities, it is a shining star for Laconia.
Building on Hope – MPAL Renovations, Manchester	Owner: Manchester Police Athletic League. This was the 2016 project for Building on Hope, which selects a non-profit property every two years to revitalize. Months of preparation and fundraising resulted in a 10-day marathon of transforming a run-down facility for at-risk youth to a neighborhood gem that kids, police and community are proud of.
The Flats @ Hanover Commons, Manchester	Owner: Elm Grove Companies. This team took the bold step of creating New Hampshire's first micro-apartments for the millennial workforce. It has its own café and other conveniences, and downtown activity and jobs are within easy walking distance.
Access Portsmouth (NH)	Owner: JSA Inc. When people in wheelchairs come to Portsmouth, it's not easy to find what restaurants are accessible to them. This team has created a program so visitors and others can find out – where to park, who has good access and usable bathrooms. For businesses who understand, everyone wins.
Portsmouth (NH) African Burying Ground Memorial Park	Owner: City of Portsmouth. When routine infrastructure work revealed a forgotten "Negro Burying Ground," it was decided to create a memorial park on the site – to honor those buried there, and to remind visitors of a significant part of our history.
Jim Mitchell Community Park, Warner	Owner: MainStreet Warner. A slope-challenged, underutilized open area in downtown Warner has been converted to a multi-use open park, complete with covered stage, amphitheater seating and more for farmers markets, artists and musicians, and the enjoyment of all.
New England Sweetwater Farm and Distillery, Winchester	Owners: Robert Patton-Spruill and Patti Moreno. 79-E and lots of hard work revitalized some empty buildings in downtown Winchester for "an unlikely business in an unlikely place." The tasting room (where one can sample Ashuelot Vodka, or Monadnock Moonshine, for example) has brought thousands of visitors to this old mill town, and has been a catalyst for its economic re-birth.

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