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# Call for Nominations 2012 Joint Awards Program

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Chris Branch, President of the Planning Association of Washington (PAW) and Jill Sterrett, AICP, President of the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Washington) are pleased to announce the 2012 Awards Program.

For the 26th year, the associations will jointly honor outstanding contributions to the field of planning in Washington. The awards program is designed to bring public attention and deserved recognition to public and private sector planning efforts, as well as student projects in university planning programs. Our joint award program goals include:

- recognize exemplary planning efforts in Washington (projects must be located within the state)
- promote superior quality planning in government and private sector
- increase public awareness of the role of PAW and APA in planning in the state

**Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 31, 2012**

Awards will be presented at the 2012 APA Washington Planning Conference on October 11-12, 2012, at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, WA

[www.washington-apa.org](http://www.washington-apa.org)

[www.planningpaw.org](http://www.planningpaw.org)

**2012 award winners will have their projects/plans featured in The Western Planner Magazine and the Washington Chapter of the APA Newsletter.**

**Our thanks to this year's APA/PAW Awards Committee Co-Chairs:**

**From PAW:**

Awards Co-chair  
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**From APA Washington:**

Awards Co-chair  
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## Categories-

Submittals should be made to one category only. Listing of one secondary or alternate category will be permitted by the applicant. Determination of the most appropriate category will be determined by the awards jury or review committee, whose decision is final.

- **Students** – Any project completed as part of an undergraduate or graduate program, including team efforts
- **Implementation** – Site selection, constructed projects, project delivery or evaluation, zoning ordinances, capital improvement programs, shoreline management projects, special plans, and GMA successes
- **Physical Plans-Large Cities & Counties** –(Cities 40,000 and over & Counties 60,000 and over) Master plans, site plans, urban design, comprehensive plans, downtown improvement plans, revitalization plans, natural resource plans, etc
- **Physical Plans-Small Cities & Counties**—(Cities under 40,000 & Counties Under 60,000) Master plans, site plans, urban design, comprehensive plans, downtown improvement plans, revitalization plans, natural resource plans, etc
- **Transportation Plans** – Transportation planning, corridor studies, transit planning, non-motorized plans, pedestrian plans, energy efficiency plans, and transportation demand management
- **Citizen Involvement** – Community outreach, participation or education efforts related to planning programs or constructed projects, relationship and acceptance of community stakeholders
- **Rural/Small Town Planning** – A broad category that includes planning efforts underway across rural areas of Washington State, such as rural elements, subarea plans, local areas of more intensive rural development (LAMIRDS)
- **Sustainability** – Creating and/or implementing plans, initiatives, programs, and projects related to sustainability and climate change

## Review Criteria-

The nominated plan or project demonstrates:

- Outstanding application of planning principles
- Implementation of community values
- Contribution to specific planning technologies including emerging technologies such as wireless devices, web-based tools, permit review & tracking systems, etc
- Furtherance of GMA
- Suitability of the solution to the problem or context
- Innovative and/or creative solution or project, and demonstration of applicability to other projects
- Difficulty of the problem or issue addressed, overcoming project obstacles
- Efficient use of budget

*–With the exception of student projects, all submittals must contribute to the advancement of planning in Washington.*

*–Regional projects or plans that extend beyond Washington State may be eligible but must have a substantial nexus to planning in Washington.*

## **Submission Requirements-**

The following applies to all submittals:

1. Submittals shall be made as an electronic PDF file submitted on a CD or thumb drive. Your submittal will be judged solely on the electronic submittal.
2. Plus, one original paper copy of the submittal, 3-hole punched and enclosed in a single 3-ring binder shall be submitted with the electronic file for display at the WA APA Conference in the fall.
3. Submittals shall be a maximum of 12 single-sided 8 ½ " x 11" pages, minimum 10 point font. *(The page count does not include a submittal cover, table of contents, up to 5 letters of endorsement and up to 5 graphics (which may be up to 11" x 17" in size).)* Note: submittals exceeding page limit will not be considered.
4. The 12-page submittals shall include the following:
  - Letter of nomination or endorsement which must include:
    - ~ Name, address, e-mail address, phone number and fax number of nominator and contact person (if different).
    - ~ List of nominee(s) and category (ies) of submission.
    - ~ Summary of the scope of the plan or project, time period of its preparation, and key participants (50 word max).
    - ~ Explanation of why nomination is unique, significant, or a successful contribution to planning.
    - ~ Identification of role the nominee and others played in project (300 words max).
    - ~ Description of how and to what extent plan or project has been successfully implemented and extent of private or public involvement (400 words max).
  - Project description, maximum 300 words
  - Description of how submittal demonstrates compliance with review criteria
  - Up to five letters of endorsement from supporters, elected officials
  - Name of firm, agency, or individual recipients desired to be listed on award plaque and certificates must be attached to the 3-ring binder. One plaque per award and multiple certificates will be provided at the discretion of the award jury.
  - Check for appropriate application fee payable to PAW (Payment is non-refundable).
5. Fee (per application):
  - Student \$25.00
  - APA or PAW members \$150.00
  - Non-members \$200.00
6. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 31, 2012
7. Mail nominations to:

PAW Awards Committee  
203 Mission Ave #107, POB 745  
Cashmere, WA 98815  
Phone: 509-782-9446

Winning submittals will be retained for archival purposes. If you wish your submittal to be returned, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope large enough to contain the submittal. PAW will attempt to notify applicants of the jury's decisions by August 1, 2012.