

1000 Friends of Iowa 2016 BEST DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

ENTRY FORM

Deadline: November 15, 2016



Best Development Awards Celebrates 15 Years!

1000 Friends of Iowa's Best Development Awards program is designed to bring attention to cities, companies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals who demonstrate how responsible development and planning practices provide benefits to the community, the environment, and quality of life for future generations. Nominated buildings and projects help advance sustainability across our state by considering site placement, design, water efficiency, energy management, materials and resources used, indoor environmental quality, public use, and long-term benefits. Find out more information and see category descriptions at www.1000friendsofiowa.org.

CATEGORIES

1. *New Residential*
2. *Renovated Residential*
3. *New Commercial*
4. *Renovated Commercial*
5. *New Civic*
6. *Renovated Civic*
7. *Mixed Use*
8. *Innovative Leadership*
9. *Storm Water Management*
10. *Renewable Energy*
11. *Transportation/Complete Streets*
12. *Placemaking/Green Spaces*

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- There is an application fee of \$75 for non-members and \$50 for members.
- Projects or project phases must be completed by date of application.
- Businesses, developers, government agencies, organizations, and individuals may apply.
- The main project owner will be the nominee. However, project nomination applications can be completed by any individual or entity involved.
- Follow the application instructions and include 3-5 images, at least two images should be high resolution.
- Refer to award criteria and entry information to prepare your nomination. Contact Kari Carney at Kari@1000friendsofiowa.org or Lori Schervish at awards@1000friendsofiowa.org with any questions.

AWARD CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed and awards granted based upon projects:

1. Meeting 1000 Friends of Iowa's mission:

Founded in 1998, 1000 Friends of Iowa is the only organization in the state focused solely on promoting responsible land use in community, state, and federal development decisions. We encourage land use planning that protects farmland and natural areas, and ensures livable communities through implementation of smart growth principles.

2. Fulfilling objectives of Smart Growth as defined below:

Smart growth is the **efficient** use of our resources to develop **sustainable** communities that provide a high **quality of life**.

A. Smart growth **efficiency** utilizes our tax dollars and private investments through:

- Reinvesting in existing communities that have experienced decline. This includes rehabilitation and reuse of older buildings and in-fill development.
- Focusing new development around walkable, mixed-use town centers with a balance of housing and jobs.
- Coordinating the provision of utilities and public services amongst local jurisdictions in a metropolitan region.

B. Smart growth is **sustainable** because it:

- Distributes affordable housing throughout the region to improve access to employment opportunities and avoid concentrations of poverty.
- Utilizes green building practices to conserve energy.
- Attracts new business and industry, which increasingly consider quality of life factors when selecting communities in which to locate or expand.
- Balances urban expansion with the protection of agricultural land and natural areas.
- Empowers citizens to take responsibility for their community and become actively involved in the planning process.
- Recognizes the interdependence of the social, natural, and built environments.
- Considers the impact of development on future generations.

C. Smart growth provides a high **quality of life** by:

- Creating a framework to build community and establish a sense of place.
- Providing walkable, mixed-use community centers that include civic, commercial, and residential uses.
- Offering residents a variety of choices in housing options and transportation modes.
- Establishing urban green spaces and protecting environmentally sensitive areas from inappropriate development, such as displacing low-income individuals or the development of high-quality farmland.
- Engaging residents in a more active, healthy lifestyle.
- Reducing health threats from air and water pollution.
- Offer equitable solutions to people of all ages, abilities, and income levels.

CATEGORY CRITERIA: PLACEMAKING/GREEN SPACE

This category spotlights spaces and attractions that combine sustainability, culture, inclusivity of an all-ages population, preservation of open spaces, and creative solutions that engage community members to interact with nature, with a local, small business economy, and with each other. Additional qualities include a community-led or multi-organizational effort with diverse stakeholders as well as accessibility for all to experience a sense of belonging and participation.

Applications will be reviewed and awards granted based upon projects that exhibit commitments to the following:

- 1. Implementation of creative projects that increase community spaces, improve resident/visitor quality of life, and promote sustainable practices around natural resources, historical assets, or cultural resources**
- 2. Collaboration across organizations that work towards comprehensive planning and/or solicitation of community input**
- 3. Use of sustainable materials, processes, and energy-efficient or renewable energy technologies in infrastructure features**
- 4. Measurable impact or anticipated impact of increased livability, social and cultural interaction, and inclusivity and accessibility**
- 5. Replication opportunities as a model of placemaking, conservation, sustainability, and community/economic viability**
- 6. Public education and outreach**

APPLICATION

Please supply the following information.

NOMINEE

Name:

(Organization, city, owner, or company. Include company acronym or abbreviations.)

Project Name:

Project Start Date:

Project End Date:

Contact Name:

Position:

Address, City, State, Zip Code:

Business Phone Number:

Website:

E-mail:

NOMINATOR

Your Name:

Your Title:

Business Name:

Address, City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail:

APPLICATION CONTINUED

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name:

Project Contact Name and Email for Materials and Correspondence Requests:

Address and Location of Project:

What was the prior use of this land or space?

Award Category (see specific category guidelines before applying):

Additional companies/organizations involved with the project:

Project Description:

****** On a separate sheet of paper include a typed explanation of how this project meets the mission of 1000 Friends of Iowa and category specific guidelines in a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 800 words.***

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APPLICATION CONTINUED

Do you have photos before and after of the project if applicable? If yes, please indicate and submit.

Do you have photos of interior and exterior if applicable? If yes, please indicate and submit.

Do you have progress photos of the project? If yes, please indicate and submit.

Are you including other supporting materials? if so, please indicate type of materials, such as video, brochure, etc., and submit.

Local Media:

Please provide us with your local media and relevant contacts.

Submit Entries to:

Email: awards@1000friendsofiowa.org or **1000 Friends of Iowa**, 3850 Merle Hay Road, Suite 605, Des Moines, IA 50310-1300

If you are mailing your nomination and project description, please include a CD of all images and supporting materials.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Review of general awards criteria
- Review of category criteria
- Category noted
- Contact information provided
- Separate sheet included with 500-800 word project description; noting how project meets awards and category criteria guidelines
- Application fee included: Pay application online at <http://bit.ly/2bEYrHF> or make checks payable to: 1000 Friends of Iowa and note Best Development Awards application fee. Checks can be mailed to: 3850 Merle Hay Road, Suite 605 Des Moines, IA 50310
- Local media contacts provided
- 3-5 supporting materials included
- At least 2 high-resolution images

Thank you for your application and for your commitment to smart growth and sustainable development across Iowa! We appreciate your support!