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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



Nominations open
Sept. 1 - Nov. 15, 2016

2016 Categories

- New Residential
- New Commercial
- Renovated Residential
- Renovated Commercial
- New Civic
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- Mixed Use
- Storm Water Management
- Innovative Leadership
- Renewable Energy
- Transportation/Complete Streets
- Placemaking/Green Space

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Celebrating 15 Years of Recognizing Smart Growth & Sustainable Development Across Iowa

The Best Development Awards program recognizes 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 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. An awards ceremony will be held at the Iowa State Capitol on Jan. 19, 2017. Please join us!

2016 Awards Program Timeline

Call for Nominations	Sept. 1
Nomination Deadline	Nov. 15
Judging & Notification of Winners	December
Awards Ceremony at the State Capitol	Jan. 19, 2017

How to Apply

STEP 1: Download the awards application at:

www.1000friendsofiowa.org/2016-best-development-awards/

STEP 2: Review the awards program and category criteria

STEP 3: Submit your nomination by the Nov. 15th deadline

Application Fee: \$50 for Members; \$75 for Non-Members (Includes 1000 Friends of Iowa one-year membership)

Questions? Contact: Awards@1000friendsofiowa.org



AWARD CATEGORIES

Nominations are judged in 12 categories by an independent group of jurors. Our panel of distinguished jurors are: **Ryan Peterson**, president of Impact7G; **Liz Christiansen**, director of the University of Iowa Office of Sustainability; **Jeff Geerts**, special projects manager with the Community Development Division of the Iowa Economic Development Authority; **Maureen Collins-Williams**, an Iowa public sector professional; and **Jeff Hanson**, community development manager with the City of Sioux City.

New Residential

This category spotlights new structures and can be a single-family or multi-family permanent or temporary residence, such as Airbnb. Outstanding qualities include but are not limited to energy-efficiency, use of sustainable building materials, promotion of connectivity, variety of transportation choices and walkability, land use development, such as a redevelopment of brownfield site or increased green space, and accessibility to affordable or mixed market-rate housing.

Renovated Residential

This category features the use of an existing structure to create single or multi-family permanent or temporary housing. Notable aspects include but are not limited to reinvestment in an existing property and community, plus use of sustainable building materials, salvaging of existing materials, promotion of connectivity, public transportation, and walkability, accessibility to affordable or mixed market-rate housing, and adherence to historic preservation practices if applicable.

New Commercial

This category highlights new structures for commercial purposes that minimize environmental impact, utilize energy-efficient technologies, offer placemaking

qualities, create jobs, or otherwise positively impact the community. Land use development of brownfield sites, use of sustainable building materials, projects that combined various organizational efforts with a diversity of stakeholders, as well as the inclusion of walkability and accessible transportation aspects are also valued qualities.

New Civic

This category features new structures for civic purposes that minimize environmental impact, utilize energy-efficient technologies, offer placemaking qualities, create jobs, or otherwise positively impact the community. Land use development of brownfield sites, use of sustainable building materials, community-led projects or projects that combine various organization efforts with a diversity of stakeholders, as well as the inclusion of walkability and accessible transportation aspects are also valued qualities.

Renovated Commercial

This category highlights the use of existing structures for commercial purposes. Sustainable qualities include but are not limited to the use of salvaged materials as well as sustainable building materials, utilization of energy-efficient technologies, the adherence to historical preservation practices if applicable, plus the integration of walkability, placemaking, and alternative transportation options. Projects that solicit and implement community feedback are also valued qualities.

Renovated Civic

This category features the use of existing structures for civic purposes. Sustainable qualities include but are not limited to the use of salvaged materials as well as sustainable building materials, utilization of energy-efficient technologies, and the adherence to historical preservation practices if applicable. Community-led projects or projects that combine various organizational efforts, as well as the inclusion of placemaking, walkability and accessible transportation aspects are also valued qualities.

Mixed Use

This category features mixed use properties that combine both commercial and residential use. Notable aspects include but are not limited to minimized environmental impact, accessibility to affordable or mixed market-rate housing, use of sustainable building materials, utilization of energy-efficient technologies, plus the integration of walkability, placemaking, and alternative transportation options.

Innovative Leadership

This category seeks to recognize an individual, group, or organization that have demonstrated exemplary work in the areas of sustainable development, smart growth principles, or the protection of farmland or natural areas. Other valued leadership qualities include the positive impact on future generations and inspiring other communities to mirror their efforts with a replicable model.

Storm Water Management

This category features projects that are successful in mitigating, directing, and decreasing storm water run off in urban or rural settings. Commercial, civic, or residential projects can include but are not limited to the use of natural or sustainable filtration systems with the aim to improve water quality through landscaping or streetscaping, or to recycle and reuse collected water for conservation purposes, such as landscape watering.

Transportation/Complete Streets

This category seeks to recognize efforts to improve transportation accessibility for bicycles, public transit, and pedestrians, decrease personal car dependency contributing to urban sprawl, and reduce carbon emissions. Additional qualities include the improved safety for all ages and abilities, including people with disabilities and senior citizens, and the integration of planning and design into larger development or revitalization projects that benefit placemaking, walkability, and alternative transportation, such as innovative public transit stops.

Renewable Energy

This category features the use of renewable energy on a small or large scale, such as civic or commercial implementation or residential or small business integration. Renewable energy includes sources such as wind, solar, hydropower, or geothermal. These projects will seek and have success in decreasing use of fossil fuels and reducing carbon emissions, as well as serving as viable models for others looking to adopt renewable energy solutions.

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.

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