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## **APA Announces 2019 National Planning Award Recipients**

**CHICAGO** - The American Planning Association (APA) proudly recognizes the recipients of the [2019 National Planning Excellence and Achievement Awards](#). This year's honorees represent superb work in comprehensive planning, urban design, transportation planning, resilience, public outreach, economic development planning, environmental planning and more.

Established more than 50 years ago, APA's National Awards Program is a proud tradition that recognizes achievements by individuals, planning departments, government agencies and private firms for their leadership and innovation on planning issues. Their efforts help create communities of lasting value throughout the country – and around the world.

The two-tiered awards are selected through a juried process. In 2019, five recipients were selected to receive APA's National Planning Excellence Awards, the highest honor, while 20 recipients earned Achievement Awards, which recognize efforts in areas of specialization within the planning profession. All award recipients will be recognized during [APA's National Planning Conference](#) at a special awards luncheon on Monday, April 15, 2019, in San Francisco. Find out more about each of the 2019 award recipients at [www.planning.org/awards/2019](http://www.planning.org/awards/2019).

"This year's award recipients demonstrate how planning helps create communities that offer access and opportunity for all," said Wendy Shabay, AICP, 2019 Awards Jury Chair. "Planning is vital to keep communities thriving and to ensure quality of life for residents."

### **2019 National Planning Excellence Recipients:**

*National Planning Excellence Award for Planning Pioneers*  
Mary Means – Silver Spring, Maryland

*Advancing Diversity & Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff*  
Carolina Martinez and the Paradise Creek Planning Partnership – National City, California

*Pierre L'Enfant International Planning Excellence Award*  
Northeast False Creek Plan – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

*HUD Secretary's Opportunity & Empowerment Award*  
Family Scholar House: Transforming Families and Communities, Family Scholar House and Marian Development, Louisville, Kentucky

*Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan*  
Kaua'i County General Plan, Kaua'i Kākou – County of Kaua'i, Hawaii

### **2019 National Planning Achievement Awards:**

*National Planning Achievement Award for a Best Practice:*  
**GOLD**

- WEDG: The Blue Movement to Design Better Waterfronts –Waterfront Alliance, New York, New York

*SILVER*

- SMART Parks: A Toolkit – UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation, Los Angeles, California
- City of Clovis Cottage Home Program – Clovis, California
- Planning Commission Online Public Hearings – Lakewood, Colorado
- Engage 2017: Housing, Parking & Natural Resources – Town of Jackson / Teton County, Wyoming

*National Planning Achievement Award for Economic Development Planning*

*SILVER*

- Port NOLA Strategic Master Plan – Port of New Orleans, Louisiana
- Los Alamos Tourism Strategic Plan – Los Alamos, New Mexico

*National Planning Achievement Award for Environmental Planning*

*GOLD*

- Sustainable Chinatown Initiative – San Francisco, California

*National Planning Achievement Award for a Grassroots Initiative*

*GOLD*

- Stoneham Transportation Advocacy Committee – Stoneham, Massachusetts

*National Planning Achievement Award for Implementation*

*GOLD*

- Van Aken District – Shaker Heights, Ohio

*National Planning Achievement Award for Public Outreach*

*GOLD*

- People's Planning Academy – Department of Metropolitan Development, Indianapolis, Indiana

*SILVER*

- Go Human Tactical Urbanism Demonstration Events – SANDAG and AGENCY NAME, Southern California
- Parker The Planner: A City Planning Story – Bolton & Menk, Inc., Burnsville, Minnesota

*National Planning Achievement Award for Resilience Planning*

*GOLD*

- Climate Ready Boston Report – Boston, Massachusetts

*SILVER*

- Liberty County Strategic Plan – Liberty County, Texas
- Tropical Storm Irene Flood Buyouts – Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission, Vermont

*National Planning Achievement Award for Transportation Planning*

*GOLD*

- Multimobility Planning on the Cellular Level – Stantec Consulting Services and Tahoe Transportation District, Lake Tahoe, California and Nevada

*SILVER*

- Downtown St. Louis Multimodal Transportation Plan – St. Louis, Missouri
- Cache County Trails and Active Transportation Master Plan – Cache County, Utah

*National Planning Achievement Award for Urban Design*

*GOLD*

Downtown Allentown Development and Urban Design Plan – Allentown, Pennsylvania

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