

Hillsborough County City-County
Planning Commission
28th Annual
Community Design Awards
CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Planning Commission solicits entries to its **28th Annual Community Design Awards Program**. These awards call attention to projects in planning, landscape architecture, environmental sensitivity, transportation, public participation and development throughout Hillsborough County. Many projects serve as models to learn from and imitate. The Community Design Awards is a well-respected program honoring Hillsborough County's very best in planning and community design.

Dates to Remember

February 26, 2010 - Deadline for Entries

Deliver to County Center
The Planning Commission
601 E. Kennedy Blvd. 18th floor
Tampa, Florida 33602
Attention: Barbara Kennedy Gibson

April 29, 2010 - Winners Announced
28th Annual Community Design Awards Program

Straz Center for the Performing Arts

Cocktail Reception - 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and Presentations - 7:00 p.m.

- The \$140 entry fee should be payable to: **Board of County Commissioners**. All entries become property of the Planning Commission. Photos and drawings submitted may be used by the Planning Commission in newsletters, presentations, and educational programs.
- The \$140 entry fee is waived for all student designed projects and for projects designed and executed entirely with volunteer resources.

Environmental - Public Participation - Master Planning - Commercial or Public Projects

Historic Preservation - Housing - Sustainable Projects



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Categories and Criteria

1. Affordable Housing

Entries in this category may include:

Housing having a sales price of <\$186,000 or a monthly rental rate <\$975/month (2 bedroom).

- Single family residences
- Group of multiple units
- Combination of residential concepts

Judging Guidelines:

- Fits in well with the overall community
- Reflects the needs of the target audience
- Serves as a model that can be replicated
- Includes open spaces
- Has an energy-efficient design

2. Residential Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Subdivisions (non-mixed use communities)
- Townhouses, cluster units
- Apartments, condominiums

Judging Guidelines:

- Makes the community a better place
- Allows for bicycles and pedestrians
- Has an energy-efficient design
- Reflects good planning principles
- Can be used as a model for others
- Integrates into the immediate neighborhood
- Incorporates unique drainage facilities and environmental areas (when applicable)
- Fosters a sense of place
- Uses space creatively

3. Urban Infill or Adaptive Reuse

Entries in this category may include:

- Urban development or redevelopment within an established community
- Residential projects

- Commercial projects
- Industrial projects
- Institutional projects

Judging Guidelines:

- Spurs contingent development
- Use, design and architecture integrates well into the surrounding areas
- Supports pedestrians, transit, bicycles and automobiles
- Can serve as a model for others

4. Historic Preservation/Restoration

Entries in this category may include:

- Individual buildings or historic districts that preserve architectural integrity and respect historic character

Judging Guidelines:

- Restoration and design embraces and complements neighborhood
- Degree to which project has overcome a significant threat to the historic resource
- Degree to which project has successfully protected historic resource from harm
- Degree to which efforts have been made to ensure future protection of the property through fund raising, covenants, reuse, and rehabilitation plans or other measures
- At the judges' discretion, the Jan Abell Award may be bestowed on an historic preservation or restoration project deemed to make an outstanding contribution above and beyond all others submissions.

5. Commercial, Institutional, Public or Quasi-Public Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Retail complexes on a neighborhood, community or regional scale
- Large or small office buildings, banks, hotels, hospitals, churches, libraries, educational facilities, cultural facilities
- Parks, recreation fields, community centers
- Transportation projects
- Business and industrial parks

Judging Guidelines:

- Incorporates a mix of uses
- Accommodates pedestrians, bicycles or transit
- Attractively designed and integrated into surrounding uses
- Enhances the neighborhood or region
- Promotes good planning
- Has a sensitive parking design
- Is scaled to fit the community
- Has an attractive design
- Is sensitive to adjacent land uses
- Exhibits special features
- Promotes energy or natural resource conservation

6. Environmental Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Environmental preservation projects
- Conservation or restoration projects
- Environmental education projects

Judging Guidelines:

- Any project showing sensitivity to Florida's natural environmental conditions
- The design is embraced by immediate neighborhoods or communities

- Has significance to the larger community
- Promotes good land use
- Is compatible with the natural surroundings
- Incorporates existing environmental areas in a sensitive way
- Is well integrated into the environment
- Has a public education component
- Promotes energy and natural resource conservation

7. Master Planning & Urban Design

Entries in this category may include:

- A public or private effort that exemplifies an outstanding contribution to urban planning
- Large scale mixed-use projects that are expected to be built out over several years
- Master-planned communities
- Overlay districts
- Community redevelopment areas
- Long range plans for transportation systems including bicycle or pedestrian plans
- Neighborhood or community plans

Judging Guidelines:

- Promotes a long-range vision
- Promotes good transportation and land use integration
- Incorporates a mixture of uses to reduce external traffic
- Is compatible with adjacent uses
- Promotes connectivity inside and outside the project
- Incorporates environmental features
- Implements the community vision
- Can be used as a model for others
- Promotes energy or natural resource conservation

8. Public Participation Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Projects sponsored by local governments or non-profit, civic, neighborhood, or ad hoc citizens' groups to promote public interest or betterment.
- Neighborhood or community visioning or planning process projects
- Neighborhood or community improvement projects
- Projects that promote understanding of or involvement in the planning process

Judging Guidelines:

- Involves the target audience
- Attempts to involve minorities or traditionally underrepresented populations
- Has a diversity of participants
- Reached a positive outcome for the community
- Incorporates public input into the project
- Can be used as a model for others
- Public participation made the results better

9. Sustainability Projects

Entries in this category may include:

- Any of the above categories where the project meets US Green Building Council LEED certification requirements or equivalent nationally accepted building standards such as Green Globes or NAHB National Green Building Program
- Projects that create real life opportunities for how to respond to sustainable growth and development
- Projects that respond to climate change
- Projects that educate K-12 students and the community on sustainability issues

Judging Guidelines:

- Promotes human and environmental health and social equity
- Promotes sustainable site development
- Promotes natural resource conservation
- Sustainable materials use



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Eligibility

The Planning Commission's Community Design Awards program is open to all planners, residents, developers, builders, architects, community groups, design professionals, local governments or other interested parties.

To be eligible for consideration in this year's awards program, proposed entries must be located in Hillsborough County and have been completed within the last five years—**between January 1, 2005 and January 1, 2010.**

No entries can be accepted which have or had a direct professional, financial, ownership, design, consulting and/or construction interest of any current member of the Planning Commission.

Judging

All entries will be evaluated by a jury whose members are prominent in the fields of planning, urban design, development, architecture or landscape architecture. All jury members live and work outside of Hillsborough County and are not affiliated in any way with the Planning Commission.

We have provided broad judging guidelines for each category. Please note that not all guidelines within a category will apply to each entry. We ask that you describe your project in terms that do apply. The jury will select all winners. The judges have discretion to recognize as few or as many projects in any category. They may also elect to recognize no entrants in some categories.

Awards are given out as follows:

- **Outstanding Contribution to the Community** - In rare cases, the judges elect to give out an award for outstanding projects that exhibit excellence in every aspect of their planning and execution.
- **Award of Excellence** - projects that exhibit excellence in nearly every aspect of their planning and execution.
- **Award of Merit** - for outstanding projects that exhibit excellence in many aspects of their planning and execution.
- **Jan Abell Award** - One project in the Historic Preservation category that rises to this level may be awarded the at the judges' discretion

Winners receive a beautiful engraved marble and glass statue and press coverage.

Preparing Your Entry!

- There is no entry form.
- All entries must be submitted to The Planning Commission in digital format on **two CD's** including all items below by Friday, February 26, 2010.

Questions? Call Barbara Kennedy Gibson

813-273-3774 ext. 355 or e-mail gibsonb@plancom.org

On CD and/or CD Cover

___ Name of Project and Entry Category (projects can be entered in more than one category but will only be selected for one award).

Contents

___ A 100-word description of the project.

___ A maximum three-page description. Describe the project, how it meets the criteria in the category entered, and how it makes Hillsborough County a better place to live and work.

___ 7-10 high resolution photos, drawings, or schematics of the entry (.jpeg).

___ Site Plan (if applicable).

___ 3-5 photos that show the surrounding area (if applicable).

NOTE: .jpegs and Word .docs are required for judges review, but .pdfs may be included.

Map

___ Street map with location of project.

___ Name and phone number of anyone who would need to be contacted to arrange a judges site visit (if applicable).

Contact Information

___ Name, phone number and e-mail address of person to contact if we have questions about the entry or additional information.

___ Name, title, company affiliation, phone number, address, and e-mail address of **ALL** individuals associated with this entry who should get an invitation to the April 29, 2010 Awards Dinner (MS Excel spreadsheet).

Recognition Information

___ Name of up to three organizations to go on award statue (consultants typically include their client and their firm).

___ Name, organizational affiliation and role played of up to six (6) project team members to be mentioned if entry is selected.

Entry Fee

___ \$140 check payable to: Board of County Commissioners