



spring breakfast & livable communities awards

Call for Nominations!

Futurewise is happy to send out our Call for Nominations for the 2017 Livable Communities Awards which will be presented at our Spring Breakfast on March 2, 2017. The Livable Communities Awards recognize organizations, institutions and communities that are using innovative policies, programs or projects which exemplify smart growth principles and further Futurewise's mission to protect natural resource areas and create healthy livable communities. These winners will be honored at our breakfast in front of hundreds of leaders in planning, development and government as well as highlighted on our website.

NOMINATIONS DUE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Eligibility

Eligible nominees must be located in Washington State and can include policies, programs, initiatives or projects. Policies or programs must be adopted or have begun implementation before the date the nomination is submitted. Built environment projects can be planned, under construction, or completed, but must at a minimum be proceeding to final approval from the city or county by the date the nomination is submitted.

Selection Process

Award recipients are selected by a committee representative of design, development and real estate professionals; community leaders; professional planners and members of the Futurewise Board and staff. Awards Committee members may not participate in any discussions or voting related to any project in which they have a personal, professional or financial interest. **Award recipients will be recognized at Futurewise's Spring Breakfast on Thursday, March 2, 2017 in Seattle.**

Award Categories

Nominations will be accepted in four award categories:

- **Local Government Excellence in Programs, Policies, and Regulations:** This category recognizes policy or planning initiatives and programs that support the principles of smart growth. Particular interest would be in actions that remove barriers to or provide incentives for smart growth. **Examples:** parking policies; tax incentives; density bonuses; zoning ordinances; innovative partnerships, planning processes, or funding mechanisms; policies that promote environmental justice; or codes and policies to encourage greener building practices, climate adaptation, or reinvestment in rural communities.
- **Overall Excellence in Creating Livable Communities - Equity and Environment:** This award recognizes an outstanding, comprehensive approach to creating more livable communities at the neighborhood, corridor, city, county, or regional level. This includes truly transformational plans, policies, or projects that recognize the role of smart growth in meeting the needs of underserved communities and individuals that work to achieve environmental justice while fostering places that are healthy, vibrant, and diverse. **Examples:** community revitalization efforts; public investments to increase affordable housing and transportation options or promote regional and neighborhood equity; or projects that support overburdened, underserved, historically underrepresented, and/or vulnerable populations (including racial or socioeconomic minorities, the elderly, and/or youth).

- **Overall Excellence in Creating Livable Communities - Smart Growth and Transportation:** This award recognizes an outstanding, comprehensive approach to creating more livable communities at the neighborhood, corridor, city, county, or regional scale through land use and transportation. **Examples:** plans, policies or projects that increase access to housing and/or jobs, improve connectivity, reduce reliance on motorized travel, especially SOV and enhance non-motorized travel.
- **Overall Excellence in Protecting Natural Resource Areas:** This category will recognize a project or policy where innovative environmental approaches spur economic development and protect natural resource lands and shorelines. **Example:** The Manure Digester in Snohomish County where the Tulalip Tribe and the Farmers have come together to manage waste, create energy and restore critical salmon habitat; shoreline restoration projects or programs that work to protect or restore shorelines.

Criteria

Nominations are evaluated for each category based on the how well they promote one or more of the following smart growth principles, as applicable:

- Provides a variety of transportation choices
- Supports a mix of appropriate land uses
- Creates a diverse and affordable range of housing opportunities and choices
- Supports walkable and bikable neighborhoods
- Encourages community and stakeholder collaboration
- Fosters distinctive communities with a strong sense of place
- Makes development decisions predictable, fair and cost-effective
- Preserves open space, parks, farmlands, natural beauty, and environmentally critical areas
- Strengthens and directs development towards existing communities
- Supports compact building patterns and efficient infrastructure design
- Shows significant leadership or innovation
- Supports historically overburdened and underserved communities

Submittal Instructions

Please provide as much information as possible on the attached nomination form, including the name of the project , program or policy, contact information, the awards category it should be considered for and a narrative description detailing how the project supports one or more of the above principles. If needed, additional attachments of supplemental materials will be considered.

In order to meet notification and print deadlines, please email all nominations to awards@futurewise.org no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

QUESTIONS?

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Previous Winners

Local Government Excellence

185th St Station Area Plan (Shoreline)
 Creating Places – Preserving Spaces
 Growing Transit Communities (PSRC)
 Bremerton’s Downtown Redevelopment

Equity and Environment

Housing Affordability and Livability Agenda
 Capitol Hill EcoDistrict
 Stockbox Neighborhood Grocery
 El Centro de la Raza: Plaza Roberto Maestas
 Yesler Terrace Redevelopment Project

Smart Growth and Transportation

Thurston First Bank Building, 321 Lofts
 & Campus Lofts (Olympia)
 King County ORCA LIFT Program
 Mile 24 – Kendall Yards Gap (Spokane)
 Grow Community (Bainbridge Island)
 Greenfire Campus (Seattle)
 North Lot Development (Seattle)

Protecting Natural Resource Areas

Clearwater Commons (Bothell)
 Chimacum Corners (Chimacum)
 Seahurst Park Shoreline Restoration (Burien)
 Broetje Orchards (Prescott)

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Community Champions

Joni Earl

Sound Transit

Joe Fitzgibbon

Washington State Representative

Marilyn Strickland

Tacoma Mayor

Norm Dicks

Former Congressman

Craig Pridemore

Former Senator

Billy Frank, Jr.

Nisqually Tribe

Joe King

Former Speaker of the House

Booth Gardner

Former Governor

Maria Cantwell

US Senator

Ron Sims

Former King County Executive and former
 HUD Deputy Secretary

2017 FUTUREWISE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

PROJECT NAME:

ADDRESS and LOCATION:

WEBSITE (if applicable):

CATEGORY (check any that apply):

- Local Government Excellence in Programs, Policies, and Regulations
 - Overall Excellence in Creating Livable Communities - Equity and Environment
 - Overall Excellence in Creating Livable Communities - Smart Growth and Transportation
 - Overall Excellence in Protecting Natural Resource Areas
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:

PROJECT COMPLETION/APPROVAL DATE OR PLANNING POLICY ADOPTION DATE:

PROJECT OWNER/DEVELOPER OR AGENCY INFORMATION

(Company/agency, address, county, telephone number, fax number, e-mail)

CONTACT PERSON(s):

(Name, title, company, address, county, telephone number, fax number, E-mail)

PROJECT NARRATIVE: (Attach) Please describe how this project is an example of one or more of the smart growth principles below:

- a. Provides a variety of transportation choices
- b. Supports a mix of appropriate land uses
- c. Creates a diverse and affordable range of housing opportunities and choices
- d. Supports walkable and bikable neighborhoods
- e. Encourages community and stakeholder collaboration
- f. Fosters distinctive communities with a strong sense of place
- g. Makes development decisions predictable, fair and cost-effective
- h. Preserves open space, parks, farmlands, natural beauty, and environmentally critical areas
- i. Strengthens and directs development towards existing communities
- j. Supports compact building patterns and efficient infrastructure design
- k. Phenomenal/Innovative/Groundbreaking
- l. Shows significant Leadership
- m. Supports historically overburdened and underserved communities