

The purpose of the Planning Commission Design Awards program is to recognize development projects that demonstrate innovative design solutions, outstanding quality, and enhancement of the built and natural environment.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The annual Planning Commission Design Awards Program is open to design professionals, property owners, developers, contractors, and others who have designed or implemented new development or redevelopment projects located in the City of Virginia Beach. Projects must be 100% complete or, if phased, the first phase must be complete. Projects completed prior to November 1, 2013 are not eligible.

AWARD CATEGORIES

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Single-family detached (fee-simple lots or condominium lots); single-family attached (duplexes and townhouses); and, multi-family (apartments and condominium buildings).

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Non-residential, commercial, or institutional use (such as retail, restaurant, office, healthcare offices / facilities, financial businesses, hotels/motels).

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Manufacturing, processing, or fabrication plants; warehousing and distribution facilities; research and development facilities; water-dependent or maritime operations; and, public or private storage facilities.

MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT

A development that includes two or more physically integrated uses on one site or within one structure. This can mean some combination of residential, retail, office, industrial, institutional, or other land uses.

RENOVATION OR ADAPTIVE REUSE

Renovation or rehabilitation of an existing building or space, or adaptive reuse involving the renovating of the building envelope of an existing building where the new use is different from the original or previous use, in any of the preceding categories.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Development projects that take exceptional steps to minimize negative environmental impacts, and even produce environmental benefits, including, but not limited to: sustainable construction practices that result in energy savings, water conservation and recycling, waste reduction, use of recycled materials, limited or no stormwater runoff, and integration with alternative transportation modes (transit, bicycle and/or pedestrian).

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Publicly-owned development projects such as libraries, museums, government offices or buildings, schools and colleges/universities, support services/rehabilitation/correctional facilities, street corridors and bridges, and public transportation facilities (stations, terminals, or shelters), and areas that provide recreational opportunities for public or private use such as parks, plazas, playgrounds, community centers or recreation areas, community pools or clubhouses, walking/biking/riding trails, golf courses, stadiums/arenas, theaters/amphitheaters, etc.

AWARD TYPES

HONOR AWARD

One award for each category to recognize superior development and execution, given in recognition of a project that significantly demonstrates, exemplifies, and potentially exceeds a quality of design that can serve as an example to be emulated.

MERIT AWARD

One award for each category to recognize exemplary development and execution, given in recognition of a project that serves as a representative model in its category, is commendable in its design and worthy of imitation.

NOMINATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submit a completed nomination by January 10, 2019, which includes the completed nomination form, at least 3 pictures and a narrative.

NOMINATION PERIOD AND HOW TO SUBMIT

The nomination period ends on Friday, January 10, 2019. All nominations must be received **by 5:00 p.m. on that date**. Multiple parties involved in a project should collaborate to prepare one nomination submission – only one nomination per project will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration. Nominations may be sent via U.S. Mail, hand-delivered, or emailed as a Microsoft Word or PDF document(s). Electronic submission via email, CD-ROM, or USB storage device is preferred. Send to:

Attn: Jonathan Sanders
2019 Planning Commission Design Awards Program
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AWARDS SELECTION AND CEREMONY

The Planning Commission will consider all complete nominations during its Informal Session (morning) on February 13, 2019 meeting (no presentations by those who have submitted a nomination are required or permitted). Award winners will be notified thereafter. The Planning Commission will present the awards during its public hearing on March 13, 2019 at 12:00 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall (Building 1).

Additional information is available at www.vbgov.com/designawards

2019 Planning Commission Design Awards Nomination Form

www.vbgov.com/designawards

Project name:

Project address:

Date of construction completion:

Award Category (see categories on page 1):

Recommended recipient of award plaque (limit 1) – please list full name, title, company and relationship to the project:

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Other(s) to be recognized – please list full name, title, company, and relationship to project:

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(Provide additional sheet for others if necessary).

Nominator/Contact:

Title/Representing:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone:

Supplemental Information

Provide at least 3 color photos. Before and after photos should be included for nominations involving site redevelopment or in the Renovation or Adaptive Reuse category.

Project Narrative

Provide a typed narrative describing the project, its quality design and any unique amenities.