



## 2010 Smart Growth Awards

### Guidelines and Nomination Instructions

All submissions must be received or postmarked by  
Friday, January 29, 2010.

New Jersey Future's Smart Growth Awards seek to honor adopted plans and approved and built developments in all parts of the state that exemplify sound land-use practice through the implementation of smart-growth principles and the State Development and Redevelopment Plan.

The awards help to shine a spotlight on individuals, businesses or organizations with the vision to approve or build projects that resist status-quo growth patterns and encourage smart-growth values and designs. In past years, winners have included government officials, developers, contractors, architects, planners, corporations, lenders and community groups. Honorees will be recognized at our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Smart Growth Awards Celebration in June 2010.

### Guidelines & Eligibility

Winning projects must exhibit most if not all of the smart-growth principles outlined below:

- Near existing development and infrastructure
- Increase range of housing options
- Create or enhance a vibrant mix of uses (residential, retail, office)
- Protect or enhance open space, farmland, parks and critical environmental areas
- Create or enhance choices for getting around
- Walkable, designed for activities at the street level that encourage personal interaction
- Respects community character, design and historic features
- Create or enhance linkages to existing developments or plans

**Location.** All projects must be located in the State of New Jersey. The Smart Growth Awards highlight the impressive array of activities going on statewide—from urban and suburban to rural development and redevelopment projects.

**Project types.** Approved and built projects as well as adopted plans of all sizes and scales are eligible for consideration. We encourage the submission of both large- and small-scale projects.

- Approved projects have completed the local planning approval process and have an anticipated completion date of five (5) years or less. Larger, multi-phase projects must be expected to be over 50 percent complete within the five-year time frame.
- Built projects must have been completed within the past five (5) years.
- Adopted plans must have been approved by resolution by the governing body within the past three (3) years. If a master plan is under consideration, the nominator must explain what steps have been taken by the municipality to implement the plan.

**Categories.** Award-winning projects have previously fallen into the categories listed below. This list is not exhaustive and is intended for illustrative purposes, not a required element of the submission. You can read more about previous honorees on our website at [www.njfuture.org](http://www.njfuture.org).

- Community-university partnership
- Creative affordable housing
- Historic building reuse
- Waterfront revitalization
- Arts and community rebirth
- Innovative land-conservation program
- Infill neighborhood design
- Main Street/downtown revitalization
- Participatory neighborhood planning
- Town Center redevelopment

## Selection Process

The 2010 Smart Growth Awards will be selected by an independent jury, which includes representatives of New Jersey Future's Board of Trustees as well as other respected professionals in development and planning. All nominations will receive careful consideration by the Awards Selection Committee. All finalists will be visited by at least one member of the committee prior to the final vote.

## Submission Requirements

1. **Entry Form.** All submissions must include a completed Entry Form (two pages).
2. **Project Narrative.** All submissions must be accompanied by a two- to three-page description of the nominated project. Be sure to address all of the following:
  - How does the project advance smart-growth principles? Reference the principles listed under Guidelines and Eligibility for background.
  - How does the project fit into existing development and/or community/regional plans? Provide some context for the project under consideration.
  - How has the community been involved in the development of the project/plan? What has been the community response to the project/plan?
  - If nominating a plan, what steps toward implementation have been made?
  - What challenges had to be overcome? What types of innovations stemmed from the project? Are there aspects that could be replicated in communities elsewhere?
3. **Images.** All entries must include a minimum of four (4) graphics (photographs or renderings) that illustrate the project and the project area in general ("before" and "after" shots are highly encouraged), as well as a minimum of one (1) contextual map that shows the project and its relationship to the surrounding area.
4. **Plans.** If the project being nominated is a plan, please enclose two (2) non-returnable copies of the plan as adopted. If it is available in a digital format, please include a CD version as well.
5. **Nomination packages.** Please include ten (10) hard copies of the completed entry form, the project narrative and images. These packets will be sent to each member of the jury, so please take care to organize and collate each one. To minimize waste, please use clips or staples instead of binders, covers or folders, and please do not submit laminated materials.
6. **CD-ROM.** Please include a CD that contains the two-page project narrative as well as available digital images and/or plans.

**Deadline.** Submission packages must be received or postmarked by Friday, January 29, 2010.

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## Project Overview

Project name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, County: \_\_\_\_\_

Project type:  built project  approved project  adopted plan

Date built/approved/adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

*If other, describe:* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

As applicable:

Land area (acres) \_\_\_\_\_

Residential units (# and type) \_\_\_\_\_

Retail, office, other (sq. ft.) \_\_\_\_\_

Civic / public uses \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Project Category

Check all that apply.

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- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Brief Project Description

In one brief paragraph, please summarize the project.

