Georgia Planning Association
2014 Chapter Awards

October 2, 2014
GPA Chapter Awards Ceremony
Chapter Awards

Criteria:

- **Innovation** of concept
- **Transferability** to other areas or projects
- **Quality** of thought, analysis and character
- Effectiveness of, or promise for, **Implementation**
- **Comprehensiveness** of principles observed
- Strong effort to solicit **Public Participation**
- Use of **Technology** in planning processes
- Demonstration of **Equity**
- Integration of **Sustainable** practices

2014 Categories:

1. Outstanding Planning Process
2. Outstanding Planning Document
3. Honorable Mention
4. Outstanding Initiatives
5. Outstanding Economic Development Planning (Rotating Practice Award)
Utilized innovative public participation methods to develop a community supported vision for the Stonecrest area.

- The public participation portion of this plan is well-thought-out and was clearly instrumental to the effort.
- The diversity of the events and their careful sequencing both maximize the reach and effectiveness of the public input.
- Bringing the charrette to the mall in the study area demonstrates commitment to wide participation.
Outstanding Planning Process
Small Community

Thomasville Creative Arts District Charrette - City of Thomasville

- The collaboration, scope of content, and the document itself were the strongest parts of this plan.

- The use of a charrette was excellent and clearly had an impact on the community beyond its specific products.

"Very nice and professionally designed materials “
- reviewer
Pedestrian amenities
- an additional 125 miles
- sidewalks,
- road diets, and
- trails

Bicycle amenities
- 139 miles
- bike lanes,
- sharrows and
- trails

...elements of this plan are truly outstanding
Outstanding Planning Document
Small Community
Greenways Trails Connections Plan - City of Harlem

3 crucial goals:
1. Engage and excite
2. Emphasize connectivity
3. Implementation tools

“This plan seamlessly integrates foresight into the value of recreational amenities and public health into its considerations of future development patterns and desirable community characteristics”
- reviewer

…”active transportation” is a key element in the connectivity goals
Honorable Mention

State Route 144 Environmental Assessment - The Georgia Department of Transportation

“…exemplary effort developing the reader-friendly document.”

-Hiral Patel, P.E.,
GDOT, State Environmental Administrator

Not only did the approach lead to short reviews with minimal comments and a fast-track federal approval, but it also gained better feedback from citizens…
Outstanding Initiative

Sweet Auburn Transformation - The Atlanta Regional Commission

- over 900 attendees
- 45 partner organizations

A great example of collaboration on multiple levels to transform a community

...create lifelong communities that allow us to live life “Beyond Expectations”
The series of reports and updates collectively represent the attitude of excitement, energy, fun, enthusiasm and ultimately happiness in the College Hill community.

This is a great recipe for success and an excellent model for other communities to follow.
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