



2024 Awards Application Form | Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA MI)

I nominate _____ to be entered
(Name of project, plan, effort, tool, document, initiative, organization or publication)

in the category of: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024 at 11:59 PM

Submission Coordinator/Nominator: Please provide the name of an individual to act as your submission coordinator/nominator. This individual will work with the Association’s awards coordinator to obtain additional information and materials from winning entries in preparation for the annual awards presentation.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Contacts: Please provide up to two individuals (in addition to the coordinator/nominator) to be notified in the event this submission is selected to receive an award.

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Verification of Submission: I certify that the submitted work was done by the parties credited and meets all eligibility requirements. I understand that any entry that fails to meet submission requirements may be disqualified. Signer must be authorized to represent those credited.

Signature of Coordinator/Nominator: _____ Date: _____

Application Fee \$ _____ \$100.00 (Member) \$150 (Non member)

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Master Card Visa
Card Number _____ Expiration _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____



General Submission Information

- Nominations must be digitally signed by the nominator/entrant and **emailed to avansen@planningmi.org**
- MAP/APA MI is not responsible for assembling, collating, or copying submission material.
- The awards committee's procedures prohibit any communication with jurors on behalf of an entry. Such communication is reason for disqualification.

Required Content – two separate PDF's must be submitted along with digital images

- 1) **Page One of the Nomination Form.**
This form must be submitted electronically as a separate pdf –this form will not be sent to jurors.
- 2) **An additional PDF document that includes the summary, narration, letters of support** (see details below)
- 3) **Digital images** - Five (5) **digital** (.jpeg format) images (see details below)

The following content is mandatory. Submissions lacking this information will not be considered. Be sure to review the individual eligibility and criteria requirements for the specific award category that you wish to submit a nomination. Contact avansen@planningmi.org with questions.

Planning Excellence Project Award Nominations include:

1. Page One of the Nomination Form.
2. One-page summary of the entry (200 – 400 words)—do not include a cover page.
3. Two-page narration of how the entry meets the award criteria (400 – 800 words)—do not include a cover page.
4. Submission of at least three (3) but no more than five (5) letters of support. Letters should offer support for the value of the nominated effort. Letters may not be written by the nominator of the submission, by the nominated individual, or by anyone who directly worked on the project. Comments from stakeholders involved with the subject of the nomination are encouraged. Do not include a cover page.
5. All award nominations must include digital images. These photos may be used on MAP's website and for the awards presentation. Requirements are as follows:
 - a) Five (5) **digital** (.jpeg format) images – these photos may be submitted as separate attachments. Images must be copyright-free. *Submit only images that are not copyrighted and may be reproduced by APA MI without a fee, charge, or copyright infringement.*
 - b) Images should provide context and show the award nomination's positive or intended results.
 - c) Images should supplement what exists in the submission package.
 - d) Provide high resolution photos. Lower resolution photos will look pixely.
6. A link to the actual plan, project, or publication, if applicable.

To ensure anonymity, no part of the one page summary, two page narration, letters of support, or digital images shall contain anything that would serve to identify any consulting firm who prepared the submission except the application form. The name of the community can remain in all documents. In the event that the actual plan is submitted, all references to consultant(s) must be redacted.

Applications will not be considered unless all of the above information is submitted.



General Eligibility Requirements

- Any plan, project, program, tool, process, report, or ordinance entered must have been published, implemented, or completed within **three** (3) years of the date of submission.
- Members of the APA MI Conference Committee, APA MI staff, and APA MI Board of Directors are not eligible to enter or to receive individual awards. These individuals may not attempt to influence or affect the outcome of the jury process for projects nominated in other award categories.
- Projects cannot be nominated for more than one category.
- Once a project wins an APA MI award, it cannot be nominated again—***even for a different award category.*** The APA MI award categories hew closely to the national APA award categories. Recipients of MI Chapter awards are strongly encouraged to submit their projects for national recognition.

Judging and Awards Ceremony

- The APA MI Board of Directors is not involved in the selection process and is not aware of the entries submitted for consideration until after the jury has rendered its decision. Judging for the Planning Excellence Project awards will be performed by at least three prominent community planners from a major region outside of Michigan in early summer.
- Projects/plans are not judged in competition with other entries, but to the extent that the project meets the award criteria.
- While a project cannot be nominated for more than one award, jurors may, at their discretion, choose to swap a project from one category to another when they think it is better eligible.
- Presentations will be made at APA MI's annual conference, *Planning Michigan*. Award winners receive plaques and are featured in a presentation at the conference, on APA MI's website, and in the *Michigan Planner* magazine.



CATEGORIES

Project Excellence

- Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan
- Advancing Diversity and Social Change in Honor of Paul Davidoff
- Best Practice
- Economic Planning and Development
- Grassroots Initiative
- Implementation
- Public Outreach
- Resilience and Sustainability
- Transportation Planning
- Urban Design

