

Planning Awards

APA Texas Planning Awards & Planning Excellence Program

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The APA Texas Planning Awards Program recognizes individuals, organizations and communities for outstanding contributions to planning in Texas. Any APA Texas member may nominate plans, projects, programs, individuals, or organizations to several categories. The Awards Committee evaluates nominees based on innovation, transferability, quality, implementation, and comprehensiveness.

The following individuals, organizations and communities have been recognized and awarded for their projects and contributions to the planning profession. Award recipients were recognized at the awards luncheon on Friday, October 5, 2012 at the Worthington Renaissance hotel.

Comprehensive Planning Award

Given to an outstanding comprehensive plan addressing the development of an area, town, city, county or region.

- [City of Austin Comprehensive Plan - *Imagine Austin*](#)
- [City of Buda - *2030 Comprehensive Plan*](#)
- [City of El Paso Comprehensive Plan - *Plan El Paso*](#)

Project Planning Award

Given to an outstanding plan, or study concerning a specific project, area, system, or issue within a town, city, county or region.

- [City of Brenham - *Downtown Master Plan*](#)
- [City of San Antonio - *Bike Plan 2011 & Implementation Strategy*](#)
- [Collin County - *Regional Trails Master Plan*](#)

Honorable Mention:

- [Midland Odessa Transportation Organization \(MOTOR\) - *State Highway 191 Corridor & Access Plan*](#)

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Current Planning Award

Given to an outstanding ordinance, program or process directed to the implementation of a plan.

- [City of Denton - *Simply Sustainable*](#)
- [City of Fort Worth - *Camp Bowie Boulevard Redevelopment Code*](#)
- [City of Richardson - *Bush Turnpike Transit-Oriented Development*](#)

Long Range Planning Award

Given to an outstanding plan that concentrates on a single long-range element.

- [City of San Marcos - *Dream San Marcos Visioning Project*](#)

Planning Commissioner of the Year

For an outstanding planning official.

- Town of Little Elm - Michael McClellan

Student Project Award

Given in recognition of an outstanding research or planning project by an individual or team of students in an accredited graduate planning program.

- Christina Sebastian - *UT Arlington Bike Study*

Honorable Mention:

- Texas A&M University - *City of Richwood Comprehensive Plan*

Texas Chapter Award

Nominated by Chapter Sections, this award is given to an individual from outside the planning profession who has provided outstanding contributions to the planning profession.

- [Jason Roberts](#)

Nominated by Midwest and North Central Sections

Community of the Year

Given to a town, city, or county for providing an outstanding contribution to planning.

- [City of Tyler - *Industry Growth Initiative*](#)

Chapter President's Award

The Chapter President presents this award to a planner based on outstanding service to the planning profession. The 2012 award was presented to Heather Nick for her efforts in successfully providing an effective and innovative APA Texas website by utilizing emerging technology for communication and marketing thereby raising awareness of planners and planning issues in Texas.

- [Heather Nick](#), Chapter Communications Coordinator
City of Tyler, City Planner

Planning Excellence Recognition Program

The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association continues its program of recognizing planning excellence in municipalities throughout the State. Evaluation criteria include the level of training of Planning Commissioners and professional staff, professional qualifications of the planning staff, breadth and currency of master plan components and completion of other planning related projects. The following cities have been recognized and awarded for their excellence in the planning profession.

- City of Abilene
- Town of Argyle
- City of Benbrook
- City of Cedar Park
- City of College Station
- City of The Colony
- City of Frisco
- City of Greenville
- City of Irving
- City of Lewisville
- City of Little Elm
- City of McKinney
- City of Pearland
- City of Richardson
- City of Southlake

2012 APA-Texas Chapter Awards Committee



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