



GREAT PLACES IN OHIO

*The Ohio Chapter of the
American Planning Association
celebrates excellence in planning.*

2023 Great Places in Ohio Call for Nominations

Please join us in celebrating great places across Ohio.

Nominations for the 2023 APA Ohio Planning Awards + Great Places in Ohio program are now being accepted. The deadline for nominations is **July 3, 2023 @ 5:00PM.**

Awards are presented at the biennial APA Ohio State Planning Conference on Friday, September 29. For more information on SPC23, visit www.ohioplanning.org/conference.

Great Places in Ohio Designation

Originally a standalone program conducted in even years, this program debuts in conjunction with the APA Ohio Planning Awards beginning in 2023. Because we plan, great places exist across Ohio. They are small and large, rural and urban, old and new. Great places take many forms—an entire community, neighborhood, building, public space, natural area or street. A Great Place in your community demonstrates the importance of planning, provides an opportunity for promotion and tourism, and illustrates how local policies and projects strengthen our communities.

Great Residential Neighborhoods, Great Public Spaces and Great Commercial Districts come in many forms, but they all have characteristics that are grounded in good planning practices. Character, personality of place, uniqueness of place, special history and how the place is used are just some of the attributes we look for in a great place.

Submission Schedule & Guidelines

- APA Ohio Planning Awards schedule:
 - **July 3, 2023 @ 5:00PM** Nominations due
 - **August 25, 2023** Winners notified
 - **September 29, 2023** Awards presented at SPC23
- A completed online form and supporting documentation is required for review. Only digital nominations submitted according to the procedures in this call will be accepted.
- All submissions become the property of APA Ohio. No submissions will be returned.
- The APA Ohio Planning Awards Committee will review all nominations for eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria. Submissions that do not meet the minimum submission requirements shall be ruled ineligible and discarded. The committee may reassign submissions to another appropriate award category.
- The awards will be juried by a committee of members from another chapter of APA.
- The committee may award more than one nomination that the committee deems deserving. The committee is not obligated to select award winners should they so choose.
- Awards will be presented on Friday, September 29 in conjunction with the APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference (SPC23) keynote address and luncheon.
- The APA Ohio Awards Committee procedures prohibit communicating individually to any other committee or jury member on behalf of a nominee; such communication is grounds for disqualification.

Eligibility

- Any person or entity is eligible to submit a Great Places in Ohio nomination.
- Nominations may be for your own work or the work of others.
- An award will not be given to the same project more than once.
- Members of the APA Ohio Awards Committee are not eligible for any awards during the year in which they serve on the committee.

Nomination Directions

- **Nomination Form:** Please complete the online nomination form located at www.ohioplanning.org/awards. The information requested in this form includes:
 - **Category Selection:**
 - Residential neighborhood
 - Commercial district
 - Public space/place
 - **Nomination Summary:** [500 words maximum] Provide a short narrative summary describing

why the nomination is a great place. You must address the following:

- Character and personality
 - Unique characteristics
 - Special history or story
 - What happens in this great place
- **Planning Initiative(s):** [500 words maximum] Include a narrative describing the planning initiative(s) that contributed to the creation/nurturing of this great place. Include a link to relevant document(s) if available.
- **Nomination Supporting Uploads:** Please upload at least two but not more than five photos of the nomination to a digital cloud folder and enter the link to that folder in the space provided in the nomination form. The Awards Committee will retrieve the files from your folder for judging. Your link must work until August 18, 2023. Photos must be high quality and labeled appropriately.

Questions

Questions may be directed to Awards Committee Chair Matt Schmidt, AICP at matt.t.schmidt@gmail.com.