



2017 LEHIGH VALLEY AWARDS Call for Nominations

Instructions - Please fill out the form completely. The deadline for entries is close of business on **July 20, 2017**. Winners will be recognized at LVPC's 2017 Lehigh Valley Award Ceremony on October 17th at DeSales University Center, Center Valley, PA. Contact Tracy Oscavich at toscavich@lvpc.org with any questions. *All materials become property of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission.*

Please mail five hardcopies and one cd/thumb drive of your nomination packet to: 2017 Lehigh Valley Awards, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, 961 Marcon Blvd., Ste. 310, Allentown, PA 18109

Nomination packets should include:

1. A cover letter indicating the contact information and official name of the project, specific project address, and municipality.
2. Nomination form.
3. Supplemental materials, such as, site plans, photos, project brochures, etc.

Eligibility:

All projects must be located in the Lehigh Valley and must be substantially completed when nominated. They are judged on their merits. Anyone may submit nominations. Submissions will be accepted for the following award categories:

1. Plan, Planning Policy or Ordinance

These plans, planning policies or ordinances promote sound long-range planning and support the inter-relationships between planning and implementation. Projects can include new comprehensive plans; subdivision and land development ordinances; zoning ordinances; official maps; neighborhood plans; and subject-specific plans, such as transportation and parks, recreation and open space plans.

2. Land Development

These projects promote excellence in design and planning. Projects include residential, office, commercial, and institutional developments that exemplify good site design, such as building placement, project context, parking and circulation, pedestrian amenities, landscaping, and sustainable design practices.

3. Revitalization Project

These projects contribute to the revitalization of older, more established communities. Projects can include redevelopment and building rehabilitation, adaptive reuse, infill development, streetscape improvements, new parking facilities, and other community enhancements.

4. Open Space Project

These projects focus on open space preservation, land conservation, sustaining natural resources and enriching the community. Projects can include open space, creation of natural areas, and other cultural and heritage amenities.

5. Outdoor Recreation Project

These projects focus on the development or rehabilitation of park, trail or other outdoor recreation facilities that enrich the community and provide opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. Projects can include development or rehabilitation of the entire site or individual elements within the site.

6. Environmental Project

These projects promote the protection and restoration of natural features and sustainable use of resources. Projects can incorporate habitat enhancement, riparian corridor protection, green infrastructure (green roofs, green parking lots, green streets), innovative stormwater design, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

7. Transportation Project

These projects improve mobility, enhance safety, and exemplify best planning, engineering, and context-sensitive design and construction. Projects can include road, bridge, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and traffic calming improvements.

8. Multi-Municipal Cooperation

These projects enhance the Lehigh Valley, regardless of county or municipal boundaries, promoting efficiencies, cooperation, and demonstrated coordination for the benefit of the greater community. Projects can include multi-municipal comprehensive plans; cross-municipal zoning; shared services and cooperative agreements for emergency services, water and sewer, among other cooperative efforts. Public/private partnerships may also be considered.

Community of Distinction

This award will honor a community that exemplify consistent plans and policies that support efficient and sustainable development, land management, and resourcefulness.

To be awarded the Community of Distinction, a municipality will be asked by the LVPC to make a presentation to the judging panel for this award.

Each presentation must demonstrate a strong commitment to planning and implementation, consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan The Lehigh Valley... 2030* and exemplify innovation across other award categories.

Award Process + Criteria:

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission evaluates all submissions, and a select group of nominations are visited, judged, and awarded by the Lehigh Valley Awards Committee, consisting of Lehigh Valley Planning Commission members, outside subject matter experts and staff. Winners will be recognized at LVPC's 2017 Lehigh Valley Award Ceremony on October 17th at DeSales University Center, Center Valley, PA.

Each Project will need to describe:

- **Design + Process-** All projects must exemplify excellence in planning, design, and implementation. Projects will be judged on quality of design, community context, planning concept, environmental sensitivity, and sustainability. The process involved in completing a project will also be evaluated. This includes achievement of community goals, successful community collaboration, public/private partnerships, funding strategies, outreach, and citizen participation.
- **Impact -** All projects should demonstrate a positive impact to the overall value of the community. This can include economic, environmental, and recreational benefits; increased mobility; improved safety; job creation; enhanced community image; sense of place; and the social, cultural, and economic health of the community.

The following criteria will be used for evaluation:

- **Originality + Innovation:** How is your project innovative and unique?
- **Compatibility:** Include how your entry has been integrated into other planning efforts in the Lehigh Valley, specifically the *Comprehensive Plan The Lehigh Valley... 2030*.
- **Effectiveness + Results:** Detail how your entry has made a difference in the community.
- **Engagement:** Describe the varied interests that were involved. Include any competing interests.
- **Transferability:** Could the concepts your project implemented be transferred to create other successful projects?