

2015 NOMINATION FORM

Frank F. Ferris II Community Planning Awards

Encouraging excellence in planning has been a role of the Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission since its inception. The **Frank F. Ferris II Community Planning Awards** honor local planning Commissions and planning committees that demonstrate excellence in the development and Implementation of plans.

Each year's award winners offer proof that the leadership and partnership of local planning commissions and planning committees helps create great communities. We invite you to participate in the celebration of the best in planning in Hamilton County by nominating a local planning commission or planning committee whose efforts have contributed to the elevation of planning principles, greater awareness of the value of planning, and improved quality of life.

AWARD CATEGORIES

1. Development of a Plan

A plan that is a significant advancement to the science and art of planning. Entries may include, but are not limited to, comprehensive plans and specialized plans such as: housing plans, capital improvement plans, environmental/resource conservation plans, park and recreation plans, transportation plans, development plans, reuse or redevelopment plans, and economic development plans.

Criteria Role of Local Planning Commissions or Committees

How did the local planning commission or committee play a significant role in the planning process?
How does the success of this effort increase recognition of the planning commission/committee's role in the planning process?

Public Participation

To what extent did the public participate in the effort? How far did the effort go to solicit input from those who historically have been left out of the planning process? How has the nominated effort gained support and acceptance from the public sector?

Collaboration

How and when was the affected population brought into the planning process for this initiative?

Effectiveness/Results

How has the submission addressed the need or problem that prompted its initiation?

Location

Is the nominated plan located within Hamilton County?

Completion within the past calendar year

Was the plan completed during the last 12 months?

Public Sector

Was the planning commission or committee appointed by the local governing body?

2. Implementation of a Plan

Implementation that is a significant advancement to the cause of planning. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how a project, program, or tool implemented a plan. Entries may include such things as regulations and codes, growth management guidelines or ordinances, acquisition efforts, public and private partnerships, or tax abatement initiatives.

Criteria Role of Local Planning Commission or Committee

How did the local planning commission or committee play a significant role in the planning process?
How does the success of this effort increase recognition of the planning commission/committee's role in the planning process?

Collaboration

To what extent did collaboration between leadership and competing interests lead to implementation?

Effectiveness/Results

How have these results made a difference in the lives of the people affected?

Location

Is the nominated project located in Hamilton County?

Completion within the past calendar year

Was the submission the result of a project, program, or tool that was implemented during the last 12 months?

Public Sector

Was the planning commission or committee appointed by the local governing body?

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2015

The Regional Planning Commission Board will vote on a winner on March 5, 2015. The winner will be recognized at the **Planning Partnership Annual Meeting on March 27, 2015** at Cooper Creek Event Center.

To nominate a project for the Frank F. Ferris II Planning Awards

Please submit 2 copies of the following application and include a **one page brief description** (with graphics if possible) of the nominated project telling why you feel it warrants recognition based on the award criteria.

Planning Commission/Committee (Nominee): _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

Nominations and Questions can be directed to:

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