

DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Planner	of the year
Year	Recipient
2000	M. Kay Stone, AICP, City of Auburn
2001	William K. McAllister, AICP, Alabama A&M University
2002	Corbett (Toby) Bennington, AICP, RPCGB
2003	Jonathan David Hunke, AICP, City of Birmingham
Profess	ional Planner (Category name changed in 2004)
2004	David Umling, Planning Director, East Alabama RPDC
2005	Dr. Constance Jordan-Wilson, Alabama A&M University
2006	Dr. Sharon Gaber, PhD, AICP, Auburn University
2007	No Recipient
2008	David A. Norris, West Alabama Regional Commission
2009	Michele Gilliam Jordan, AICP, City of Decatur
2010	Mr. Kenneth J. Groves, Jr., AICP, City of Montgomery
2011	Dana O. Hazen, AICP, City of Mountain Brook
2011	Charles Ball, AICP, RPCGB
Kennet	n J. Groves, Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award for a Professional Planner (Category 0000Renamed in
2012)	
2012	No Recipient
2013	Sheila Chaffin, AICP, University of Alabama at Birmingham
2014	Jason Fondren, AICP, KPS Group
2015	Charlene LeBleu, AICP, FASLA, Auburn University
2016	Rebecca Retzlaff, AICP, Ph.D., Auburn University

Elected F	Elected Public Official (New Category created in 2004)	
Year	Recipient	
2004	No Recipient	
2005	Alice M. Williams, City Councilor City of Mountain Brook Dr.	
2006	Arthur S. Kirkindall, Mayor, City of Madison	
2007	Bradley Byrne, Alabama Senate and Steve McMillan, Alabama House of Representatives	
2008	Timothy M. Kant- Mayor, City of Fairhope	
2009	Virginia C. Smith- City Councilor, City of Mountain Brook	
2010	No Recipient	
2011	Doug Brewer, Mayor, City of Graysville	
2012	Mayor Ray Nelson, City of Fayette	
2013	Mayor Jay Jaxson Jr., City of Eufaula	
2014	No Recipient	
2015	No Recipient	
2016	Mayor Sandy Stimpson, City of Mobile	

Appointe	Appointed Public Official (New Category created in 2004)	
Year	Recipient	
2004	No Recipient	
2005	No Recipient	
2006	No Recipient	
2007	No Recipient	
2008	No Recipient	
2009	Cary Sadler, Fire Marshall, City of Madison	
2010	No Recipient	
2011	Michael W. West, City Manager, City of Dothan	
2012	No Recipient	
2013	Becky Hawkins, City of Arab	
2014	No Recipient	
2015	Samuel Gaston, City Manager, City of Mountain Brook	
2016	No Recipient	

Planning Student or Student Team	
Year	Recipient
2000	No Recipient
2001	No Recipient
2002	Adam Evans- Auburn University
2003	Charlene LeBleu, Auburn University "A Greenway Plan for Bull Creek, Columbus, Georgia"
2004	Sally Jurik, Auburn University "Waverly, Alabama - Street Tree Plan"
2005	Auburn University Community Planning Summer Studio, "Catoma Creek Ecological Learning Center and Recreation Area"
2006	Auburn University Community Planning Spring Studio, "Macon County Preliminary Comprehensive Plan"
2007	Candy P. Masters, AICP, Auburn University. "Central Northwest Auburn, Alabama, Guide for Land Use Development: A Citizen's Perspective"
2008	No Recipient
2009	Joshua Lamberth, Auburn University, "Promoting Sustainable Economic Growth, Foley, Alabama"
2010	Sarah Sisser and Stephen Stock, Auburn University, "Preservation Plan for the Tallassee Mill No.1 Complex and Mill Village"
2011	Michael Glenbowski, Matthew Biesecker & Joshua Lamberth, "Green for Life", Auburn University
2012	No Recipient
2013	Joshua Vickers and Nicholas Vansyoc, Auburn University
2014	Joshua Cameron & Kenneth Dale Speetjens, "Mapping Commercial Solid Waste Facilities Using
	Demographics - A Geographic Information Systems Project" - Auburn University
2015	Gray Parker, "HOMETOWN WALK, Lafayette, Alabama" – Auburn University
2016	Fall 2015, Sustainable Transportation Planning Class, Auburn University, "Bicycle Master Plan for the
	City of Auburn"

Friend of Planning		
Year	Recipient	
2000	Loretta Spencer, Mayor, City of Huntsville	
2001	Arthur S. Kirkindall, City of Madison Planning Commission Adam Evans - Auburn University	
2002	Paul Kennedy, CAWACO	
2003	Steve Means, Mayor, City of Gadsden	
2004	James E. Davis, City of Auburn Planning Commission	
2005	Wanda Cochran, City Attorney, City of Mobile	
2006	Robert Steiskal, Jr., Gulf Shores Planning Commission	
2007	Kevin Carpenter, ASLA, City of Auburn Tree Commission	
2008	No Recipient	
2009	Shirley Flora, City of Opelika	
2010	Dr. Warren McCord, City of Auburn Planning Commission	
2011	Cheryl Morgan, AIA, Auburn University Center for Architecture & Urban Studies	
2012	George "Chuck" Harris, Chair, Dothan Planning Commission	
2013	Wendy Jackson, Freshwater Land Trust	
Dr. Robe	Dr. Robert J. Juster Distinguished Leadership Award for a Friend of Planning (Category Renamed in 2013)	
2013	Wendy Jackson, Freshwater Land Trust	
2014	No Recipient	
2015	No Recipient	
2016	Debi Foster, The Peninsula of Mobile	

CHAPTE	CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AWARD (New Category created in 2004)	
Year	Recipient	
2004	No Recipient	
2005	No Recipient	
2006	No Recipient	
2007	No Recipient	
2008	No Recipient	
2009	Gina Romine, City of Madison	
2010	No Recipient	
2011	No Recipient	
2012	No Recipient	
2013	No Recipient	
2014	No Recipient	
2015	Katherine Ennis, AICP, Alabama APA Chapter President	
2016	No Recipient	

RICHARD	RICHARD L. PLATT CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	
Year	Recipient	
2000	Connie B. Cooper, FAICP	
2001	Larry Watts, FAICP	
2002	William M. Matthews	
2003	Gene Smith	
2004	No Recipient	
2005	Robert C. Walker, Jr.	
2006	No Recipient	
2007	No Recipient No Recipient	
2008	Ronald Matthews, AICP	
2009	Dean Y. Matthews	
2010	No Recipient	
2011	No Recipient	
2012	William R. Foisy	
2013	No Recipient	
2014	Marie Bostick	
2015	No Recipient	
2016	No Recipient	

OUTSTA	OUTSTANDING MEDIA COVERAGE AWARD	
Year	Recipient	
2000	Huntsville Times-Steve Doyle and Mike Salinero	
2001	Huntsville Times- "Can Bigger be Better" series	
2002	Opelika-Auburn News- Daniel Jackson	
2003	No Recipient	
2004	Decatur Daily - Martin Burkey	
2005	TimesDaily Newspaper-"Sheffield Downtown Revitalization"	
2006	No Recipient	
2007	No Recipient	
2008	No Recipient	
2009	No Recipient	
2010	TimesDaily Newspaper , Russ Corey, "U.S. Highway 72 Corridor Study"	
2011	Dothan Eagle Newspaper, "Dothan Zoning Ordinance Rewrite"	
2012	Tuscaloosa News	
2013	William Thornton, Birmingham News	
2014	No Recipient	
2015	Brian Woodham, The Auburn Villager	
2016	No Recipient	

OUTSTANDING PLANNING AWARDS

Outstan	Outstanding Planning Project (Category Discontinued)	
Year	Recipient	
2000	City Framework Plan-City of Gulf Shores	
2001	Smart Growth Land Use Planning- Huntsville Madison County	
2002	Fountain Heights Neighborhood Improvement Plan- City of Birmingham	
2003	Auburn Village Centers Strategic Development Concept	

Outstanding Planning Program (Category Discontinued)	
Year	Recipient
2000	City of Valley
2001	No Recipient
2002	Mountain Brook, "Long Term Approach to Planning"
2003	Smart Growth for Mobile: A New Alternative, City of Mobile

Outstan	Outstanding Planning Award for a Comprehensive Plan (New Category created in 2004)	
Year	Recipient	
2004	No Recipient	
2005	Shelby County, "Shelby County Comprehensive Plan: A Path to the Future"	
2006	City of Cordova, "Building upon Place for a Sustainable Future"	
2007	City of Prichard Comprehensive Plan	
2008	Homewood Master Plan, Homewood, Alabama	
2009	Springville Comprehensive Plan, Springville, Alabama	
2010	Baldwin County, Alabama, "Horizon 2025: The Baldwin County Comprehensive Plan	
2011	Lee County Comprehensive Master Plan	
2012	City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan	
2013	No Recipient	
2014	City of Birmingham: "City of Birmingham Comprehensive Plan"	
2015	No Recipient	
2016	City of Alabaster, Alabama, "Alabaster Forward: City of Alabaster Comprehensive Plan Update"	

Outstan	Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan or Planning Program (New Category created in 2004)	
Year	Recipient	
2004	No Recipient	
2005	City of Tuscaloosa & the University of Alabama, "Specific Plan for the University Area Neighborhoods"	
2006	City of Gulf Shores, "Envision Gulf Shores Visionary Plan"	
2007	Birmingham City Center Master Plan Update	
2008	Downtown Montgomery Plan, City of Montgomery	
2009	2008 Downtown and Riverfront Plan, Northport, Alabama	
2010	"West Florence Neighborhood Plan", City of Florence	
2011	Highland Park Neighborhood Plan, Birmingham, Alabama	
2012	City of Dothan, Alabama "Land Range Development Plan, 2010-2030; A New Beginning"	
2013	City of Dothan, Alabama, "Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan"	
2014	City of Auburn, Alabama, "Renew Opelika Road Corridor Plan"	
2015	City of Anniston, Alabama, "One City, One Vision Strategic Plan"	
2016	City of Auburn, Alabama, "City of Auburn Downtown Master Plan"	

Outstanding Planning Award for a Project/Program/Tool (New category created in 2004)		
Year	Recipient	
2004	Fairhope Strategic Implementation Tools, City of Fairhope	
2005	No Recipient	
2006	Upper Cahaba Watershed Greenprint, Jefferson County	
2007	Birmingham Area CommuteSmart Program	
2008	Shelby County Subdivision Regulations	
2009	Auburn Interactive Growth Model, City of Auburn	
2010	"Northern Beltline Intersecting Roadway Plan", RPCGB	
2011	Building Communities Program- RPCGB	
2012	City of Dothan, Comprehensive Rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance	
2013	City of Montgomery, The Montgomery Design Studio	
2014	City of Gulf Shores, Alabama "Waterway Village: A Mixed-Use Neighborhood Downtown District"	
2015	No Recipient	
2016	City of Anniston, Alabama, "City of Anniston's Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Program"	

FRANKLIN M. SETZER OUTSTANDING URBAN DESIGN PROJECT AWARD (Category created in 2002)		
Year	Recipient	
2002	City of Gadsden and Downtown Gadsden Inc.	
2003	No Recipient	
2004	"Envision Decatur", City of Decatur	
2005	City of Gadsden & the Gadsden Airport Authority, "Master Plan & Design Guidelines for a New	
	Residential Community"	
2006	"Envision Gulf Shores" Visionary Plan Design Guidelines - City of Gulf Shore	
2007	Crestwood/Oporto Redevelopment District Plan, City of Birmingham	
2008	Court Square Plaza, Dexter Avenue, City of Montgomery	
2009	Campus Master Plan and Design Guide, University of Alabama	
2010	14 th Street Streetscape Project, City of Birmingham	
2011	Envision Opelika, Downtown Opelika Development Guide	
2012	No Recipient	
2013	Lane Parke of Mountain Brook Village	
2014	No Recipient	
2015	No Recipient	
2016	Rotary Club of Birmingham and the City of Birmingham, "Rotary Trail Plan and Design"	