Selection Criteria

The Awards Committee will review the submitted nominations and make recommendations to the Monmouth County Planning Board. Evaluation criteria will include the following:

- Conformance of the project to the policies of the Monmouth County Growth Management Guide.
- Demonstration of imaginative planning, use of a creative, unique and/or new approach, and/or innovative design that represents high standards of site planning and engineering.
- Extent to which the project reflects cooperation between government agencies or the private and public sectors.
- Sustainability and the compatibility of the project with the character of the surrounding area.

The Monmouth County Planning Board reserves the right to refrain from recognizing any submissions and will only select Merit Award recipients if one or more nominees are deemed worthy of recognition.

Notification of Awards

Award recipients will be notified prior to the award presentation at the Monmouth County Planning Board December 2014 meeting.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receipt of completed entries and all accompanying materials is close of business on Monday, September 15, 2014.

Please mail or hand-deliver entries to:

Monmouth County Planning Board
One East Main Street
Hall of Records Annex - 2nd Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728

For additional information contact Linda J. Brennen, PP/AICP at (732) 431-7460 or via email: Linda.Brennen@co.monmouth.nj.us

In addition to annual categories, the Monmouth County Planning Board will entertain nominations for plans, projects and designs that highlight our County’s resiliency after Superstorm Sandy or Hurricane Irene.
Since 1954, the Monmouth County Planning Board has sought to encourage and promote the highest standards of land use planning, community development, and design excellence in the county. The Planning Merit Award program, started in 1984, has honored many exceptional plans, projects, individuals and municipalities that have significantly influenced planning in the county. The purpose of the award program is not only to recognize and pay tribute to these outstanding examples of planning excellence in Monmouth County, but to inspire others to follow their lead. The Monmouth County Planning Board invites you to submit a nomination for consideration in the 2014 Planning Award program. This is your opportunity to join the honored ranks of those whom the Planning Board considers to represent the highest standard in planning achievement.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Any individual or organization is eligible to submit a nomination.
• All nominations must be received by the deadline and must include a completed nomination application and all necessary supporting data.
• Applications must include an explanation, not to exceed two pages, detailing how the submission or the work of the individual and/or organization meets the specified criteria. All narrative and supporting materials listed on the nomination form must be included.
• Projects or plans must be located in Monmouth County and must have been completed between June 1, 2013 and August 30, 2014.
• Projects may be subject to an on-site inspection if deemed necessary by the Awards Committee.

Categories include, but are not limited to:
Adaptive Reuse/Redevelopment  Conservation
Economic Development  Education and Outreach
Historic Preservation  Environmental Sustainability
Intergovernmental Cooperation  Outstanding Public Service in Planning
Plans/Ordinances/Design Standards  Planning Publications/Media
Public-Private Partnerships  Recreation
Sensitive Design/Development  Transportation Services/Projects

Special Highlight for 2014: Community Resiliency!

Nominations should include the following information:
• Nominator: Please provide the name, title, agency, address, e-mail, telephone and fax numbers of the contact for additional information.
• Project Name & Location: Identify the project or plan by name. Include the address of the project or a detailed description of the area covered in the plan (e.g. street address, blocks and lots, or geographical region).
• Project Principals (if applicable): Please indicate the name of the owner/developer/municipal officials. Include agency, address, and telephone number.
• Project Professionals: (if applicable): Please indicate the name and contact information of the Architects, Engineers, Site Planners, etc.
• Project Description: In two pages or less, describe the plan or project as it relates to the specified selection criteria. Include the completion date of the project or adoption date of the plan. If a project is being built in phases, indicate the phase completed where appropriate.
• Resiliency Projects: Discuss the impact of Superstorm Sandy or Hurricane Irene on the project area as applicable. Discuss the need to rebuild, modify, or provide new services, and/or the way this plan/project is providing new resiliency against future natural disasters.
• Reasons for the Nomination: Submit a one-page summary explaining why your plan or project should be considered for a Monmouth County Planning Award.
• Attachments: Include plans, renderings, maps and photographs that best depict or illustrate the nomination. For plans, ordinances or design standards, application must include a complete copy as adopted. For adaptive reuse or redevelopment projects, before and after plans and photographs should be included, where available. For individuals, include a resume or biography and photograph. For an organization, include a brief history, list of accomplishments, and web address, if applicable. Attachments should not exceed 11x17 inches in size and should be clearly labeled.