



Hillsborough County  
City-County  
Planning Commission

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THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S 41ST ANNUAL  
**Planning & Design Awards**

The Planning Commission is proud to announce our 41st annual celebration of excellence in planning and design in Hillsborough County, presented by TECO. Winning projects contribute to a better quality of life and serve as models to learn from and emulate. With the emphasis on the importance of great planning in our own region, our awards program is held in October to align with the many national festivities during the American Planning Association's National Community Planning Month and celebration of Great Places in America.

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

**Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Community Center**

5:15–8:15 pm

*Tickets will go on sale in September*



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## Call for Entries

### Eligibility

The Planning & Design Awards program is open to all planners, residents, developers, builders, architects, community groups, design professionals, local governments, students, or other interested parties. To be eligible for consideration, proposed entries must be located in Hillsborough County and have been completed within the last five years, on or after January 1, 2018. No entries can be accepted that have or had a direct professional, financial, ownership, design, consulting and/or construction interest of any current member of the Planning Commission.

### Students in Planning

There is NO entry fee for student designed projects, and they may enter in any category. Judging guidelines for each respective category will be considered. Students and faculty involved in winning student projects will receive award certificates.

### Judging

All entries will be evaluated by an independent jury composed of prominent professionals in the fields of planning, urban design, development, architecture, or landscape architecture. All jury members live and work outside of Hillsborough County and are not affiliated with the Planning Commission. A single entry can be submitted in multiple categories as applicable. The jury may change the category. The judges have sole discretion as to how many projects will be recognized in any category, or none at all. They may also designate a special Judge's Choice Award.



## Award Categories

### HOUSING | **live**

Residential, affordable housing, subdivisions, town homes, condos, and apartments

### COMMERCIAL | **work**

Employment and commercial from small businesses to large industrial

### ENTERTAINMENT | **play**

Parks, recreation areas, arts, culture, museums, entertainment, sports, and community centers

### INVESTMENT | **thrive**

Education, financial, medical, religious, civic, government, infrastructure, transportation, economic development, public-private partnerships

### REDEVELOPMENT | **redevelop**

Urban infill, adaptive reuse, brownfields, mixed use development

### HISTORIC | **preserve**

Preservation and restoration

### ENVIRONMENTAL | **sustain**

Conservation, sustainability, natural resources, going green

### PLANNING | **plan**

Master plan or studies, urban design, overlay districts

### PARTICIPATION | **engage**

Public engagement, public education, community service

### LIGHTING | **illuminate**

Special events, iconic lightscapes, permanent installations, safety

## Award Designations



**Award of Outstanding Contribution to the Community** exhibits excellence in every aspect of planning, design, and execution



**Award of Excellence** exhibits excellence in nearly every aspect of planning, design, and execution



**Award of Merit** exhibits excellence in many aspects of planning, design, and execution



**Jan Abell Award** in special cases, the jury may select a project that makes an outstanding contribution above other submissions in the historic preservation category



# Submission Checklist

All entries become property of Plan Hillsborough and may be used in various online media, publications, and programs. **All entries must include the following items to be complete:**

## UPLOAD THESE ITEMS ONLINE AT:

[bit.ly/planningdesignentry](https://bit.ly/planningdesignentry)

**Completed entry form**

**Project description – *three pages maximum***

*Describe how the project meets criteria and makes Hillsborough County a better place within its category or categories. Your narrative must specifically address what about your submission meets the Judging Criteria. There will be no site visits by the jury, so it's up to YOU to clearly present your entry to the judges in words and pictures.*

**7-10 quality photos, drawings, and/or schematics (jpg or png). In addition, you may also include video files (mp4) if available.**

*To be used in presentations and news releases.*

**Map of project location, site plan, and/or aerial photos (if applicable)**

*Additional materials, such as documents or marketing materials, may be provided in digital format. The jury has the option to review additional materials provided at their discretion.*

## MAIL THE ENTRY FEE:

**Entry fee** (check or money order) made payable to the:

**Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners**

Make sure your check or money order is clearly labeled with the project name on it.

**Mail to:**

Planning Commission – Awards

601 E Kennedy Boulevard, County Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tampa, FL 33602

## Deadlines & Fees

\$125

**Early Bird Entries**

Due by Wednesday, July 12 at 5 p.m.

\$195

**All Other Entries**

Due by Friday, August 4 at 5 p.m.

*\*The entry fee may be waived for student designed projects and for projects designed and executed entirely with volunteer resources. Call 813.547.3342 to find out if your project qualifies for a waived fee.*



# Judging Criteria

As you put together your award submission, please thoughtfully describe your entry for the judges who may not be familiar with Hillsborough County, specifically addressing each of the Criteria below. Examples cited are just that, sample talking points. Your **Project Description** must specifically address what about your submission meets the Criteria. There will be no site visits by the jury, so it's up to YOU to clearly present your entry to the judges in words and pictures. Answer each Criteria question to best showcase the project for the judges.

## Quality of Life Benefit

***How does the entry make the community a better place?***

*Examples:*

- Promotes historical or environmental preservation, conservation, or restoration
- Improves safety and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians
- Supports mixed use development and encourages transit options
- Fosters a sense of place as it integrates into and enhances the surrounding neighborhood

## Originality & Innovation

***How does the project have a visionary approach or innovative concept to address needs or challenges in the community?***

*Examples:*

- Uses space effectively and creatively
- Employs a cutting-edge slant in fields like green building or sustainability
- Uses a fresh approach to financing or cost-efficiency

## Quality & Comprehensiveness

***In what ways does the entry represent excellence from the planning process through implementation?***

*Examples:*

- Excellence in analysis, writing, graphics, design, and implementation
- Has a positive impact on local and/or regional objectives
- Has delivered developed plans, addressing community needs with long range vision

## Implementation & Transferability

***How does this project serve as a model for others to learn from?***

*Examples:*

- Paves the way for future projects by clearly demonstrating what to do to get it done
- Fosters good planning through its methodology or components

## Education & Engagement

***How does the entry clearly demonstrate meaningful public involvement?***

*Examples:*

- Employs a variety of user-friendly tools inclusive of the traditionally under-served
- Provides meaningful opportunities and is responsive to the public's involvement
- Increases awareness in the community of the benefits and importance of good planning

# Planning & Design Awards Entry Form

**Project Name** *(as it will appear on the crystal award if selected)*

## Entry Category

**Check all that apply.** Projects can enter in multiple categories, but judges may adjust the category if they choose. Winners will receive only one award trophy, even if the submission wins in more than one category.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>HOUSING</b>   <i>Live</i><br>residential   affordable housing   subdivisions   town homes   condos   apartments   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>HISTORIC</b>   <i>Preserve</i><br>preservation   restoration   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>COMMERCIAL</b>   <i>Work</i><br>employment & commercial from small business to large industrial   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b>   <i>Sustain</i><br>conservation   sustainability   natural resources   going green      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>   <i>Play</i><br>parks   recreation areas   arts   culture   museum   entertainment   sports & community centers  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PLANNING</b>   <i>Plan</i><br>master plan or studies   urban design   overlay districts                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>INVESTMENT</b>   <i>Thrive</i><br>education   financial   medical   religious   civic   government   infrastructure   transportation   economic development   public-private partnerships | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PARTICIPATION</b>   <i>Engage</i><br>public engagement   public education   community service              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>REDEVELOPMENT</b>   <i>Redevelop</i><br>urban infill   adaptive reuse   brownfields   mixed use development   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>LIGHTING</b>   <i>Illuminate</i><br>special events   iconic lightscapes   permanent installations   safety |

## Contact Information

Name:  Title:

Organization:

Email:  Phone:

Address:

City:  State:  Zip Code:

## Project Summary

Provide an overview describing your entry and how it contributes to our community. **Limit 300 words.**

## Online Links

Provide online links to document(s), project web site(s), news articles, videos, social media, etc. *(optional)*

## Project Recognition

### Who should be recognized for this project?

List the names of organizations or individuals who should appear on the etched crystal award.

**Limit: Three to four**, depending on character limitations of award designation.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Winning projects will receive only ONE crystal award at the 41st Annual Planning & Design Awards program on October 18. Order forms will be available after the ceremony to purchase additional awards.

Name:

Name:

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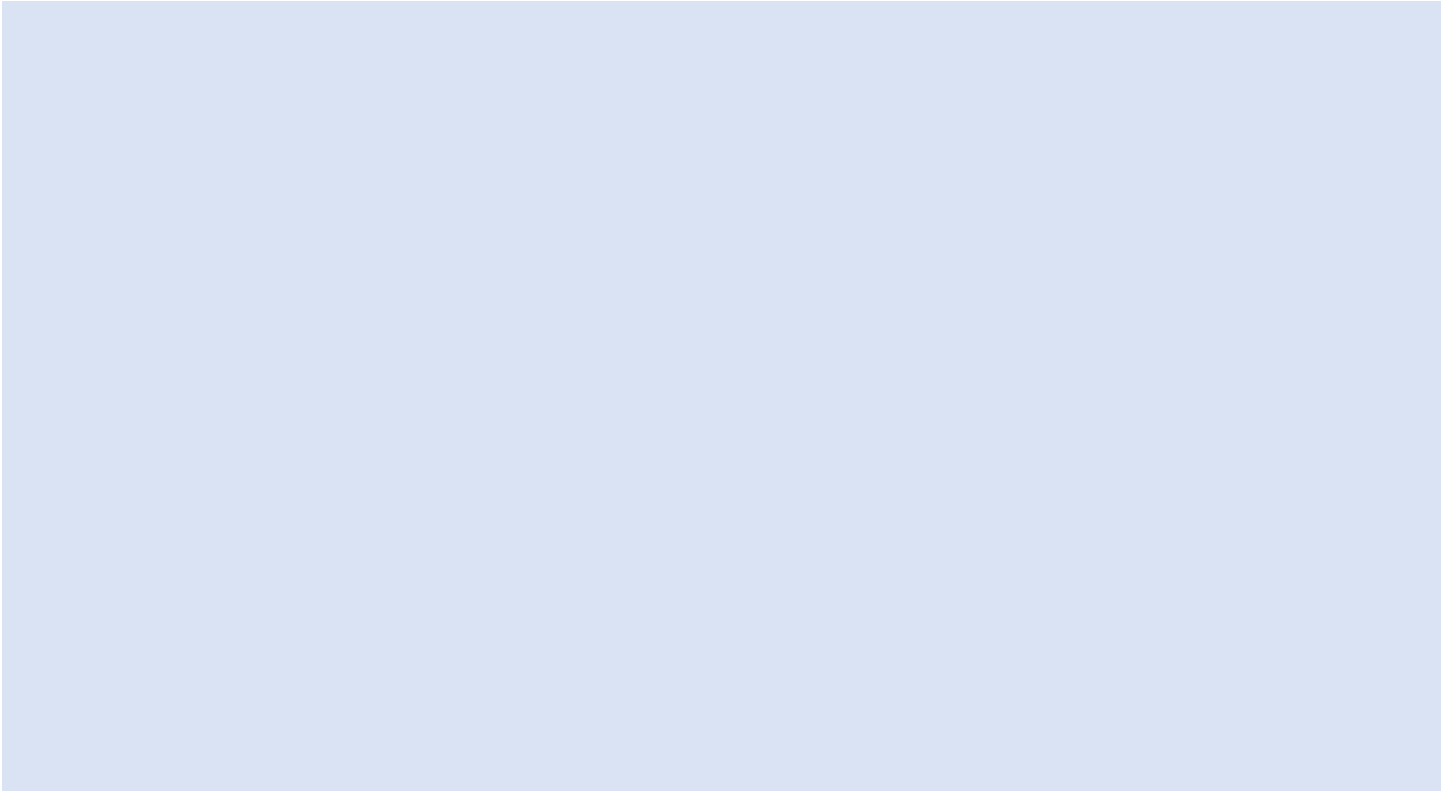
### Individual project team members to be recognized on stage during the awards presentation.

Please provide the name, affiliation, and role played of each project team member to be recognized during the awards ceremony. **Limit: Six to seven**, depending on space available on the presentation slide.

## Invitation List

Please provide the name, affiliation, phone number, and email address for ALL individuals associated with this project who should receive an invitation to the Awards Program on October 18.

**PLEASE NOTE: In September, invitations will be emailed, and tickets will go on sale for individual seats and reserved tables. Registration information will be provided at [planhillsborough.org/planning-design-awards](https://planhillsborough.org/planning-design-awards).**



### Questions?

For more information on the award submission process, or to find out about sponsorship opportunities, please contact our awards program team.

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