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American Planning Association – Sustainable Communities Division Announces the Winners of the Fourth Annual Awards for Excellence in Sustainability.

New York, New York – May 8, 2017 - The American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities Division (SCD) announced the fourth annual Awards for Excellence in Sustainability at the National Planning Conference in New York City. The awards honor project, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting and growing sustainable communities. The SCD supports planners who are committed to planning for sustainable communities by integrating all aspects of sustainability into their work through the combined economic, social, and ecological factors that shape communities.

The winners represent extraordinary achievements in five Sustainable Planning categories. The categories and winners are:

Sustainability or Resilience Plan or Project: evolveEA, Millvale EcoDistrict Pivot Plan (Millvale, PA)

Sustainable Urban Design Plan or Development Project: City of Austin Planning and Zoning Department Urban Design Division, South Central Waterfront Vision Framework Plan (Austin, TX)

Sustainable Transportation Project: HDR, Kansas City Downtown Streetcar (Kansas City, MO)

Sustainable Park, Recreation, or Open Space Project: The Conservation Fund, Lindsay Street Park (Atlanta, GA)

Leadership in Sustainability: Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Maryland Sustainable Communities Program (Baltimore, MD)

About the American Planning Association (APA): APA is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities. APA includes a professional institute for certified planners, 47 chapters, 21 divisions, and special memberships for students.

About the APA Sustainable Communities Division: The need for leadership on comprehensive approaches to sustainability planning is growing. The APA Sustainable Communities Division's goal is to help planners engage in and collaborate on innovative approaches to this important emerging issue. The Division was recognized for outstanding communication efforts with a Divisions Council Achievement Award for their email bulletin which is published bi-monthly. <https://apascd.wordpress.com/category/bulletin/>

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