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## **2016 CNU Charter Award Winners Announced** Outstanding urban design honored in Detroit at 15th annual ceremony

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DETROIT, MI — On Thursday, seventeen distinguished projects and teams ranging from South Carolina to South Africa were recognized at the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)'s 15<sup>th</sup> annual Charter Awards, which honor outstanding achievements in architecture, planning, development, and urban design. Charter Award-winning projects and teams are selected for their positive impact on sustainability, equity, health, and prosperity in their community.

“This year’s winners demonstrate that excellence in New Urbanist design is becoming standard,” said Hank Dittmar, Charter Awards jury chair. “These amazing projects are contextual, reflecting local traditions, climate, and setting, while moving tradition forward to reflect contemporary demands. Their accolades are well-deserved.”

The winners were unveiled on Thursday night in Detroit, MI as part of CNU’s 24<sup>rd</sup> annual Congress, a four-day international conference focused on walkable neighborhoods, sustainable cities, and downtown revitalization. The Grand Prize went to Brush Park Parcels, a Detroit neighborhood revitalization project that preserved exiting historic homes while filling in diverse, contextually appropriate housing around them.

Also among the eleven winners and six runners-up were a jazz cultural center in New Orleans, a military barracks turned urban neighborhood in Calgary, a new village in Nanhu, China, and a South Florida comprehensive plan that engaged more than one million residents.

“Each of these projects was picked by the jury for a unique contribution to sustainability, equity, health, or prosperity,” said Lynn Richards, President and CEO of CNU. “This year’s Charter Awards winners are more than just elegant, well-designed buildings. They are places that build stronger communities, greener neighborhoods, and more resilient cities.”

The 2016 CNU Charter Awards were chosen by an expert jury led by Hank Dittmar, principal of Hank Dittmar associates. Stephanie Bothwell, Daniel Hernandez, Meea Kang, Michael Lykoudis, James Rojas, and Alex Taranu served as jurors.

Each year, CNU presents the Charter Awards as part of its annual Congress, which convenes 1500+ national leaders in architecture, design, planning, and development. Following this year’s Congress in Detroit, the 25<sup>th</sup> Congress for the New Urbanism will be hosted in Seattle, May 3-6, 2017. For more information, visit [cnu.org](http://cnu.org).

Through 23 years of advocacy, the [Congress for the New Urbanism](#) has changed the national conversation from a debate over sprawl to a discussion on how to reinvest in our cities and towns. As Americans both young and old demand walkable lifestyles, the market for unique and green places is growing in every region. Through our projects, innovative tools, events, membership and programs, we empower people to deliver those places. CNU is a 501(c)3 with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, DC.

The full list of Charter Award winners follows:

**Brush Park Parcels A+B (Grand Prize)**

Firm: Brush Park Development Company

Location: New Orleans, Louisiana

Category: Block, Street, and Building

**Master Plan for Revitalization of the Canal System in the City of Lowell (Grand Prize, Student)**

Firm: Yale School of Architecture

Location: Lowell, MA

**City of Beaufort Civic Master Plan & Office of Civic Investment**

Firm: City of Beaufort, SC

Location: Beaufort, SC

Category:

**Nanhu New Country Village Master Plan**

Firm: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

Location: Nanhu, China

**Peoples Health New Orleans Jazz Market**

Firm: Kronberg Wall Architects

Location: New Orleans, LA

**Playhouse Plaza**

Firm: Moule & Polyzoides, Architects and Urbanists

Location: Pasadena, CA

**Pollin Memorial**

Firm: Pollin Memorial Community Development

Location: Washington, DC

**Sansome and Broadway Family Housing and Broadway Family Apartments**

Firm: Mithun | Solomon

Location: San Francisco, CA

**South Main**

Firm: Dover, Kohl & Partners

Location: Buena Vista, CO

**Southern Farms**

Firm: Gary White & Associates

Location: Pretoria, South Africa

**The Lofts of Washington University**

Firm: William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc.  
Location: St. Louis, MO

***Currie (Merit Award)***

Firm: Urban Design Associates  
Location: Calgary, Alberta, Canada

***East End Transformation (Merit Award)***

Firm: Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company  
Location: Richmond, VA

***Ponce City Market (Merit Award)***

Firm: Jamestown  
Location: Atlanta, GA

***Orleans Landing (Merit Award)***

Firm: Urban Design Associates  
Location: Detroit, MI

***Seven50: Southeast Florida Prosperity Plan (Merit Award)***

Firm: Dover, Kohl & Partners  
Location: South Florida

***Twin Cities Harbor (Merit Award, Student)***

Firm: Andrews University School of Architecture & Interior Design  
Location: Berrien Springs, MI

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