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Call for entries: the 2016 CNU Charter Awards

15th annual Awards will honor sustainable, equitable urban design and planning

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Washington, DC — Submissions are officially open for the 15th annual CNU Charter Awards, recognizing excellence in architectural, landscape, and urban design and planning.

“Charter Award-winning projects represent more than just beautiful neighborhoods, buildings, and streets,” said Lynn Richards, President and CEO of CNU. “They are projects that have improved residents’ health and happiness, financially strengthened local governments, and helped protect the natural environment. In short, the Charter Awards honor places that celebrate people and improve their lives.”

Regarded as the preeminent award for excellence in urban design, the CNU Charter Awards honors a select number of winners and honorable mentions—focusing on built places and implemented plans. Winning projects are chosen for their outstanding commitment to building more connected, sustainable, healthy, and equitable communities.

“As the concept of sustainable, human-scaled communities returns to prominence, the Charter Awards play a crucial role,” said Hank Dittmar, principal of Hank Dittmar Associates, Ltd. and Jury Chair for the 2016 Charter Awards. “Our movement never could have reached this watershed moment without excellence in design and execution—and the Charter Awards serve to recognize that invaluable contribution.”

In judging, Charter Award submissions are scored on the extent to which they fulfill and advance the principles of CNU’s Charter, the founding document of New Urbanism. Entries are divided into professional and student categories, with three subcategories based on project scale:

- The Region: Metropolis, City, and Town
- Neighborhood, District, and Corridor
- Block, Street, and Building

Applications for the 2016 Charter Awards are open to anyone worldwide until midnight February 1, 2016. A multidisciplinary, internationally selected jury will review entries, with Dittmar serving as Jury Chair. Winners will be announced at the 24th annual Congress for the New Urbanism, Detroit, MI, June 8-11, 2016.

Guidelines and entry forms can be found at <http://www.cnu.org/charter-awards>.

The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is a nonprofit organization working to build vibrant communities where people have diverse choices for how they live, work, and get around. We believe that well-designed cities and neighborhoods are crucial for our health, economy, and environment. We build places people love.

Through 23 years of advocacy, CNU 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.

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