



15th Annual Columbia Choice Awards

ENTRY INFORMATION

To be considered for award, each nominee must be located within the City of Columbia. A list of past winners is available here: www.columbiasc.net/cpa/award-programs/columbia-choice-awards. **All nominations are due October 3, 2016 by 12 p.m.** Electronic submittals made by emailing the City of Columbia's Forestry & Beautification Division at forestry@columbiasc.net are preferred, but hand delivery or mail is also acceptable. Please call the Forestry & Beautification Division at (803) 545-3860 with any questions.

Each winning project's owner and designer, builder or maintainer will be recognized. More than one project may be selected in each category, or the jury may elect to forego conferring an award in any given category. Awards will be presented at Columbia Green's annual meeting in November.

CRITERIA

NEW CONSTRUCTION & SITE DEVELOPMENT

Recognizes new construction and site development projects that exemplify development excellence. Selection criteria include suitability for and enhancement of surrounding area; overall appearance and design; quality of landscaping; creative site planning; environmental stewardship; and innovative treatment of signage, utilities and infrastructure.

RENOVATION & REUSE

Recognizes excellence in restoration, renovation or adaptive reuse of an existing property. Selection criteria include creativity of use of existing site; adaptation to current building codes and standards; quality of landscape design; environmental stewardship; and innovative treatment of signage, utilities and infrastructure.

SITE BEAUTIFICATION MANAGEMENT

Recognizes property that has, over time and in all seasons, demonstrated a commitment to excellence in maintenance and landscape design, consistency of visual appeal, sustainable features, and enhancement of our surroundings.

EDUCATION

Recognizes any individual, school or organization which promotes attention to our urban environment, its beautification, maintenance and preservation. Selection criteria include overall visual enhancement, educational value, and/or heightened awareness of the environment.

NEIGHBORHOOD & COMMUNITY

Recognizes a civic, community or neighborhood organization whose effort has significantly added to the quality of life and beautification of a portion of Columbia. Selection criteria include overall visual effect, community participation, and perceived quality of life enhancement.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Recognizes a government agency, community interest group, civic organization, business or individual who has made a significant contribution to the appearance of our community and to the overall quality of life in the City of Columbia.