



GrowSmartRI
Sustainable Economic Growth
& Quality of Place

2017 Rhode Island Smart Growth Awards Program Call for Nominations

Deadline: March 31, 2017

What is a Rhode Island Smart Growth Award?

The Rhode Island Smart Growth Awards recognize Rhode Island leaders, projects, plans or policies that are applying smart growth principles to advance sustainable economic growth and quality of place.

Award winners will be celebrated in June at an awards reception and location to be announced.

View previous award winners at www.GrowSmartRI.org.

Nominations are being accepted until **COB on Friday, March 31st** in the following categories:

- Smart Growth Leadership Award (individual or organization)
- Outstanding Smart Growth Project – urban, suburban or rural
- Public Policy and Planning Award

In addition to these categories, Grow Smart RI may give a 'Presidents Award' to a distinguished effort or development project.

Winners will be selected by a committee made up of Grow Smart RI Board and staff. Committee members will not participate in any discussions or voting related to any project in which they have a personal, professional, or financial interest.

AWARD CRITERIA



Tiverton Public Library, Outstanding Smart Growth Project Award, 2016

In order to be eligible, a **smart growth project** must be completed and have received a certificate of occupancy. (In the case of a large, phased project, a nomination may be submitted for a completed phase that has received a certificate of occupancy.)

In order to be eligible, a **public policy or plan** must have been adopted by a Rhode Island municipality and/or by the State of Rhode Island.



City of Woonsocket, Downtown Overlay District, Outstanding Smart Growth Policy/Plan Award, 2016

What is Smart Growth?

Nominated development projects will be evaluated using the following Smart Growth Principles:

- ☑ Locate development in or adjacent to established or planned centers, making full use of existing buildings and infrastructure.
- ☑ Preserve open space and farmlands.
- ☑ Promote compact building and neighborhood design.
- ☑ Mix land uses.
- ☑ Encourage a range of housing types for a range of incomes.
- ☑ Promote walkable, pedestrian-friendly communities that utilize transportation alternatives.
- ☑ Capitalize on existing assets to protect or create distinctive, attractive places and public amenities.
- ☑ Follow environmentally sensitive building and site design practices.
- ☑ Encourage citizen and stakeholder participation.
- ☑ Foster creative public-private partnerships to finance projects and maximize resources.

Nominations in the category of Public Policy & Planning (e.g. comprehensive plans, downtown revitalization plans, special district plans and studies, code reform, etc.) will be evaluated according to their actual or potential advancement of these same smart growth principles.

Instructions and Nomination Form (below)



*Providence Foundation
(Outstanding Smart Growth Leader
Award 2016)*



*Stillwater Mill Redevelopment,
Burrillville
(Outstanding Smart Growth Project
Award 2012)*

2017 Rhode Island Smart Growth Awards NOMINATION COVER SHEET

NAME OF NOMINATED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, PLANNING POLICY OR INDIVIDUAL/AGENCY:

ADDRESS:

WEBSITE:

CATEGORY:

- Smart Growth Leadership Award Public Policy and Planning Award
- Outstanding Smart Growth Project Award

200-250 WORD DESCRIPTION (use separate page if necessary)

NOMINATION CONTACT PERSON(s):

(Name, title, company, address, telephone number, fax number, E-mail)

FOR PROJECT, POLICY OR PLAN NOMINATIONS:

PROJECT COMPLETION/APPROVAL DATE OR PLANNING POLICY ADOPTION DATE:

CURRENT STATUS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE:

PROJECT OWNER/DEVELOPER OR AGENCY INFORMATION

(Company/agency, address, telephone number, fax number, E-mail)

AUTHORIZATION (To be signed by project owner, developer or client)

The undersigned attests that:

1. Grow Smart RI may use, reproduce, or make available for reproduction by others—for the purpose of publicizing the Awards program or the applicant project—the information on this form and any supporting materials (including images) provided.
2. There are no pending or impending concerns with this project's financial condition, debt, equity, or public agency subsidy.
3. He/she has full power and authority to provide this information and to grant these rights and permissions.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

2017 Rhode Island Smart Growth Awards NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

The nomination package should include the following:

FOR “PROJECT” NOMINATIONS:

- Signed application cover page.
- Description of how the project exemplifies some of all of the listed smart growth principles (250 words or less).
- Supporting materials (images, testimonials, news articles, other)

FOR “LEADERSHIP” AND “PUBLIC POLICY AND PLANNING” NOMINATIONS

- Signed application cover page.
- Description of how the Individual/Agency nominated for a Leadership Award or the Public Policy or Plan help to advance smart growth principles.
- References from at least one and as many as three knowledgeable persons.
- Supporting materials (images, testimonials, news articles, other)

Project nominations and Public Policy/Planning nominations submitted by an entity other than the project owner or the entity for whom the policy/plan was developed must include the signature of the owner/entity.

Nominations may be submitted in either hard copy, on cd/dvd or electronically. Nominations should be no longer than 10 pages, including any supporting documents.

Nomination deadline: Applications must be received at the Grow Smart RI offices no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 31, 2017.

Send or deliver completed applications to:

Grow Smart RI
One Empire Street, Suite 523
Providence, RI 02903
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No fee is required to submit a nomination. Questions: contact Grow Smart RI 401.273.5711 or jflaherty@growsmartri.com.