

Housing Georgia 2008 Conference
Honoring Excellence

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
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HOUSING
GEORGIA
2008
Nomination
Information



The Seventh
Magnolia Awards

November 20, 2008



Magnolia Awards for Excellence in Housing

2008 Award Descriptions

1. Affordable Rental Housing

Recognizes achievement in (1) the creation of affordable rental developments by new construction or substantial rehabilitation, including those that reflect the principles of quality growth; (2) innovation in managing affordable rental housing; (3) innovations in creating mixed-use, mixed price rental housing with a substantial affordable component; or (4) other innovations to provide safe, decent, affordable rental housing.

2. Creative Partnerships

Recognizes an outstanding example of a creative partnership in affordable housing. Partnerships can result in innovative housing programs, support services, units for rental or homeownership, financing arrangements, public-private participation, or other innovations in which multiple organizations create working arrangements that could become partnership models for others in the state.

3. Homeownership

Recognizes achievement in (1) construction of new affordable housing; (2) renovation, adaptive reuse, or redevelopment of housing for homeownership; (3) programs to assist low and moderate income homebuyers; or (4) other innovative programs to promote affordable homeownership. Nominations may include activities such as construction projects, including those that reflect the principles of quality growth; financing programs; and home buyer education.

4. Neighborhood Revitalization

Recognizes achievement in neighborhood revitalization or community redevelopment. This award recognizes projects directed toward revitalizing or redeveloping **existing** neighborhoods or communities. An eligible project must include a substantial affordable or workforce housing component. Projects may occur over a number of years.

5. Special Needs

Recognizes achievement in emergency, transitional or permanent housing for persons with special needs, such as, the elderly; homeless; victims of domestic violence; migrant farm workers; persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities; persons with HIV/AIDS; and persons recovering from substance abuse. Nominations in this category should describe any supportive services provided along with the housing.

6. Superior Design

Recognizes outstanding design in affordable housing units or developments. Eligible nominations include new construction, substantial rehabilitation or adaptive reuse. Developments or housing units nominated should exemplify quality design that is compatible with the surrounding natural or built environment, in keeping with quality growth principles, while meeting the needs of its target residential market. **Please note the nomination submittal guidelines for this category.**

Nominations are due by June 30, 2008

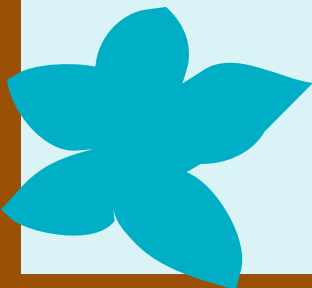
Questions should be directed to:

Malisa Thompson

404-326-1048

or

nominations@dca.state.ga.us



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Guidelines

Entry Guidelines

- There is no nomination fee.
- Organizations or individuals **are encouraged** to nominate their own projects/activities, but may also nominate those of others.
- The nominated organization may be located in any state or country, but the accomplishment being honored must have resulted in a positive outcome for affordable housing in Georgia.
- An innovation/project may be nominated in more than one category. Check off all the categories in which the nomination should be considered. Only one nomination form is required, even if the project is being nominated in multiple categories.
- Nominations must be **registered** on the Magnolia Award's web site, <http://www.magnoliaawards.org>. The nomination registration function provides DCA with a way to track nominations to insure that submissions are not lost during transmittal.
- Finalists and award recipients must be willing to make a presentation about their project/activity during the workshop portion of the Housing Georgia 2008 conference on **Thursday, November 20, 2008**.
- You may submit as many nominations as you wish.
- Activities that have ever received a Magnolia Award may not be nominated. Activities that received a Special Achievement Award in 2006 may not be nominated in 2008. **Activities that received a Special Achievement Award prior to 2006 and that are ongoing, may be nominated in 2008. Nominations for those activities should emphasize actions and successes that have occurred in the intervening years.**

Nomination Forms and Attachments

- The nomination form is available at <http://www.magnoliaawards.org>
- Download the nomination form and complete it on your computer. The completed form along with any attachments should be mailed or delivered on CD to DCA.
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- Attachments (e.g., photos, brochures, etc.) are encouraged. Please label each attachment submitted with the project's name to help us keep nomination forms and attachments together.

Special Requirements for Superior Design Nominations

Nominations for the Superior Design category should provide additional information to allow the review panel to adequately assess the submittal. Nominees are encouraged to work with the architect of record to prepare a package of information. When possible, design nominations should include:

- Vicinity Map depicting location within the neighborhood and community, transportation routes, and any other features of interest.
- Site development plan depicting amenities and landscaping, as applicable.
- Floor plans and elevations.
- Design sketches that illustrate the completed property.
- Photographs of the property, the neighborhood, and features of interest.

Judging Criteria

- Each award will be reviewed by a panel of experts drawn from both inside and outside of DCA. Reviewers will consider:
 - Measurable benefits to affordable housing in Georgia.
 - Degree to which the project/innovation can be replicated.
 - How well the project/innovation responds to the identified problem or opportunity.
 - Cost-effectiveness of the project/innovation.

Deadline

- **Nominations should be registered on-line.** Nomination forms may be accessed at: www.magnoliaawards.org. Completed forms should be mailed or delivered on CD to:
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- Nomination forms **must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 30, 2008.**
- All entries and attachments become the property of DCA and will not be returned.
- Receipt of nominations will be acknowledged via e-mail or mail within five (5) business days. If a nomination acknowledgement is not received, please contact Malisa Thompson at 404-326-1048 to confirm delivery of the nomination form.

Recognition of Award Winners

- Finalists and award winners will be recognized at the awards luncheon on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Housing Georgia 2008 Conference. The conference will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta.
- Finalists and award winners will also be recognized in a DCA press release and other DCA publications.

Conference Participation

- Award finalists will be notified in late August. Selected finalists will be asked to make presentations during the morning workshops at the housing conference. All award finalists will be given two (2) complimentary registrations to the housing conference and awards program. Finalists will also be expected to provide project pictures to be used in the awards presentation.

