



American Planning Association  
**Louisiana Chapter**

*Making Great Communities Happen*

Great Places in

*Louisiana*

## *Help us recognize and celebrate Great Places in Louisiana!*

This initiative, sponsored by the Louisiana Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA LA), celebrates Great Places in Louisiana and the communities that sustain them.

APA LA is focusing on those unique, memorable places that work not only for their community but draw outsiders in and are models for others to emulate.

The Great Places Award is an annual selection of places that represent the gold standard in terms of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow.

## *What Makes a Great Place?*

We all can think of a place that is unique or memorable, but what elements make it truly great? There are many characteristics that make a place special.

### *A Great Place*

- Promotes human contact and social activities.
- Is safe, welcoming, and accommodating for all users.
- Has design and architectural features that are visually interesting.
- Promotes community involvement.
- Reflects the local culture or history.
- Relates well to bordering uses.
- Is well maintained.
- Has a unique or special character.

## *How Does the Program Work?*

APA LA is seeking nominations from individuals, local governments and organizations for Great Places in Louisiana.

The Great Places will be recognized and celebrated by APA Louisiana and their communities.

A panel of experts from across the state will select the winner which will be announced during APA-LA's annual Awards Luncheon during our State Planning Conference. This year the date is Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Through the Great Places in Louisiana program, we celebrate the vitality and local partnerships that have made each place a focal point for community life.

## *Dates and Deadlines*

The nomination period opens on November 1st, 2016.

Nominations are due by 5:00 PM on December 7th, 2016.

The winner of the 2016 Great Places in Louisiana Award will be announced on Wednesday, March 8th, 2017 during APA-LA's annual State Planning Conference.

To nominate your favorite place, make your recommendation to your Section Director. Each Section will review suggestions and make one final nomination from their Section to the State Planning Awards program.

Nomination instructions and the complete nomination package can be found at the Chapter website:

[louisianaplanning.com/site/awards](http://louisianaplanning.com/site/awards)