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## American Planning Association Recognizes Great Places in America for 2011

**WASHINGTON, DC** — The American Planning Association (APA) today announced the country's 10 Great Neighborhoods, 10 Great Streets, and 10 Great Public Spaces for 2011 through the organization's national program, *Great Places in America*.

Launched in 2007, *Great Places in America* recognizes unique and exemplary streets, neighborhoods, and public spaces – three essential components of all communities. These authentic places have been shaped by forward thinking planning that showcases diverse architectural styles, promotes community involvement and accessibility, and fosters economic opportunity.

"We're recognizing 30 special and unique places this year located across the continent and on two islands -- Nantucket and Maui," said APA Chief Executive Officer W. Paul Farmer, FAICP.

"From Providence, Rhode Island's historic College Hill neighborhood and St. Louis's revitalized Washington Avenue to Tacoma, Washington's Point Defiance old-growth forest and park and Colorado Springs, Colorado's Garden of the Gods Park," Farmer continued, "our 2011 Great Places reflect a tremendous amount of history, diversity and economic vitality. We hope they inspire others to envision, plan and create their own great places."

APA Great Places offer better choices for where and how people work and live every day. They are defined by many characteristics including architectural features, accessibility, functionality, and community involvement. To date 140 places have been designated in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

*Great Places in America* is just one of the ways APA recognizes and celebrates National Community Planning Month ([www.planning.org/ncpm](http://www.planning.org/ncpm)) each October. The special month is designed to recognize and celebrate the many residents, leaders, officials, and professionals who contribute to making great communities.

The 2011 designees, listed below, are not ranked. Additional details about each designee are available at [www.planning.org/greatplaces](http://www.planning.org/greatplaces).



### **2011 Great Neighborhoods**

Highland Park, Birmingham, AL; Northbrae, Berkeley, CA; Ansley Park, Atlanta, GA; The Pullman Neighborhood, Chicago, IL; Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District, Davenport, IA; Hattiesburg Historic Neighborhood, Hattiesburg, MS; Dundee-Memorial Park, Omaha, NE; German Village, Columbus, OH; Swan Lake, Tulsa, OK; and College Hill, Providence, RI.

### **2011 Great Streets**

Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood, CA; U Street N.W., Washington, DC; Front Street, Lahaina, HI; Main Street, Galena, IL; Main Street, Nantucket, MA; Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO; Market Street and Market Square, Portsmouth, NH; Downtown Woodstock Streetscape, Woodstock, VT; King Street, Alexandria, VA; and Davis Street, Culpeper, VA.

### **2011 Great Public Spaces**

Fairmount Park, Riverside, CA; Garden of the Gods Park, Colorado Springs, CO; Monument Circle, Indianapolis, IN; Gray's Lake Park, Des Moines, IA; Rice Park, St. Paul, MN; Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park, Nashville, TN; Fair Park, Dallas, TX; Maymont, Richmond, VA; Point Defiance Park, Tacoma, WA; and Milwaukee RiverWalk, Milwaukee, WI.

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