



The American Planning Association Sustainable Communities Division Announces the Winners of the 10th Annual Awards for Excellence in Sustainability

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 - The American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities Division (APA SCD) announced the winners of the 10th Annual [Awards for Excellence in Sustainability](#) at the 2023 National Planning Conference in Philadelphia. The awards honor projects, plans, policies, individuals, and organizations whose work is dedicated to supporting sustainable communities.

The winners represent extraordinary achievements in six sustainable planning categories. The categories and winners are:

- **State or Regional Award:** [Resilient Fairfax: Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan](#), Fairfax County Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (Fairfax County, Virginia)
- **Community-wide Award:** [Rancho Cucamonga General Plan and Climate Action Plan](#), City of Rancho Cucamonga (Rancho Cucamonga, California)
- **Environment, Climate, & Energy Award:** [City of San Luis Obispo Climate Action Plan for Community Recovery](#), City of San Luis Obispo (San Luis Obispo, California)
- **Quality of Life Award:** [Sun Valley Healthy Living Initiative and "SOL" Phase 3 Health Action Plan](#), Mithun and Denver Housing Authority (Denver, Colorado)
- **Policy, Law, or Tool Award:** [Lakewood Sustainable Development Standards](#), City of Lakewood (Lakewood, Colorado)
- **Student Award:** [Adapting and Living with Changing Coastal Conditions](#), [Coastal Resilience Design Studio \(CRDS\)](#) - DJ Bromley, Lexi Dart, Delaney Pilotte, Chris Fettke von Koeckritz, Andrew Gainey, James Hill, Garrett Knobl, Chris McCarron, Leigh Muldrow, Claudia Schreier, and Michael Tobin (Bowers, Delaware)

About the American Planning Association (APA): APA is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities. APA includes a professional institute for certified planners, 47 chapters, 25 divisions, and special memberships for students. Find out more about APA at <https://www.planning.org>.

About the APA Sustainable Communities Division: The Sustainable Communities Division (SCD) provides resources, information, and best practices to support planners in creating sustainable, resilient, and equitable communities. Through its forums for dialogue, collaboration, advocacy, and professional development, the SCD engages planners in innovatively addressing the evolving ecological, social, and economic factors that shape our communities. More about the Division can be found at apascd.com and planning.org/divisions/sustainable/.

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