The Somerset County Planning Board is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for our 35th Annual Land Development and Planning Awards Program. We are seeking nominations for projects that are exceptionally well-designed and planned. In addition to the standard project categories, the County has established an award category for Renewable Energy/Energy Conservation and Sustainability. Awards will be presented at the Somerset County Planning Board annual awards ceremony in January.

Categories, selection criteria, and rules are outlined as follows:

**Categories:**

**Selection Criteria:**
1. Imaginative planning using a creative, new approach to a planning issue or concern.
2. Innovative site design demonstrating a unique approach to physical design representing high standards of site planning and engineering.
3. Demonstrated cooperation between local officials and applicants promoting sound planning practices and public objectives.
4. Adaptive use projects that retain the original quality or characteristic form of the building.
5. Projects that showcase innovative, cost-effective energy conservation and high-efficiency solutions and/or renewable energy technologies that enhance community sustainability, improve resiliency, advance sustainability goals, and initiatives, save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Rules:
1. All entries must be received by Friday, October 27, 2017 and must include the appropriate materials outlined in the submission checklist.
2. Projects must be recently completed or nearly complete.
3. All development projects are subject to an on-site inspection by the Awards Committee.
4. Projects that have received a County Land Development Award in the past are not eligible for additional awards.
5. Nominations will be judged by the Land Development Awards Committee and award recipients are determined by the County Planning Board.
6. Award recipients will be the principals involved in a project and their leading planning, engineering or design consultant.
7. The County reserves the right to make as many or as few awards as is appropriate.

Submission Checklist
- Name of the project
- Category of the project
- Location of the project
- Name, address, and phone number of the developer
- Name, address, and phone number of the architect
- Name, address, and phone number of the engineer
- Intensity of the project (number of residential lots or units, square feet of non-residential projects)
- Project area in acres
- Narrative outlining why the development special planning or energy related project should be honored with an award
- Appropriate site plans, elevations and graphic renderings

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