



## City of Durham Durham County

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## Durham Seeks 2016 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations

*March 13 Deadline to Submit Nominations*

DURHAM, N.C. – Beginning February 14, nominations can be submitted to recognize Durham properties that illustrate the best visual or environmental contributions to the community.

The Durham City-County Appearance Commission, Keep Durham Beautiful, and the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board are seeking [2016 Golden Leaf Awards](#) nominations, which recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the built environment.

Nomination categories include Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse—Old Building New Design; Small Development (under 12,000 sq. ft.); Large Development (over 12000 sq. ft.); Keep Durham Beautiful; and Sustainable Design.

Homeowners, building owners, architects, landscape architects, developers, realtors, and anyone involved in design, planning, and construction are encouraged to enter projects completed within the last five years. Residents who think there are certain Durham properties that have outstanding curb appeal are also invited to nominate those properties.

Visit the Golden Leaf Awards [website](#) to review complete descriptions of the categories, submission criteria, and nomination forms. Submissions can be made beginning Sunday, February 14, 2016, and are due by Sunday, March 13, 2016.

Winners in all categories will be honored with a Golden Leaf award at this year's awards reception and ceremony, which will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Durham County Government Administrative Complex Commissioners' Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, Durham.

For more information, contact Planning Supervisor [Aaron Cain](#) with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28226 or by [email](#).

### **About the Durham City-County Appearance Commission**

The [Durham City-County Appearance Commission](#) is made up of 15 members, seven appointed by the City Council and eight appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Its mission is to cultivate excellence in design, preservation and stewardship of the natural and built environment; to communicate the economic, social, and aesthetic value of good design and planning; and to celebrate exemplary design within the community.

### **About Keep Durham Beautiful**

[Keep Durham Beautiful](#) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization working in partnership with the [City of Durham General Services Department](#) and [Durham County](#) to encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to protect the environment and enhance the appearance of Durham through cleanup events, beautification projects, waste reduction, and educational activities. To learn more, visit the [website](#), like on [Facebook](#), and follow on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

### **About the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board**

The City of Durham and Durham County jointly established the [Environmental Affairs Board](#) (EAB) in 1991, in recognition of the importance of local cooperation on environmental issues. The EAB is an advisory board of appointed volunteer citizens to provide the City and County with expert and comprehensive advice on various environmental matters. It is also a mechanism for facilitating communication between the public and local government leaders. The EAB considers topics such as watershed protection, natural resource protection, air quality, environmental impacts of industrial development, environmental education, green building design, energy conservation, and global climate change.

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