



## City of Durham Durham County

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## Durham Seeks 2017 Golden Leaf Awards Nominations

*Submit Nominations Online January 4–February 20*

DURHAM, N.C. – Beginning January 4, 2017, nominations can be submitted to recognize properties that illustrate the best visual or environmental contributions to the Durham community.

The Durham City-County Appearance Commission, Keep Durham Beautiful, and the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board will soon be seeking [2017 Golden Leaf Awards](#) nominations, which recognize new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the built environment.

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 that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award. Residents who think there are certain Durham properties that have outstanding curb appeal are also invited to nominate those properties.

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

Visit the Golden Leaf Awards [website](#) to review complete descriptions of the categories, submission criteria, and nomination forms. Submissions can be made beginning Wednesday, January 4 and are due by Monday, February 20.

Winners in all categories will be honored with a 2017 Golden Leaf Award during an awards reception and ceremony to be held on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers, located in the Durham County Administrative Building, 200 E. Main Street.

For more information contact Senior Planner Matthew Filter with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271 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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