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# News Release

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## **Durham Seeks People's Choice Votes for 2018 Golden Leaf Awards**

*Voting Period Opens March 1 and Closes March 16*

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents are now invited to vote for the properties they like the best for the [2018 Golden Leaf Awards](#).

The Durham City-County Appearance Commission, Keep Durham Beautiful, and the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board are seeking voters for the People's Choice Award to be presented at the 2018 Golden Leaf Awards Ceremony in April.

Homeowners, building owners, architects, landscape architects, developers, realtors and anyone involved in design, planning, and construction in Durham have entered projects completed within the last five years for this year's competition. Residents can now choose their favorite project by visiting the [Golden Leaf Awards website](#) to review all of the nominated properties and casting their vote. The voting period for the People's Choice Award is open from Thursday, March 1 until Friday, March 16.

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 19 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Durham County Government Administrative Complex Commissioners' Chambers, 200 E. Main Street, Durham.

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### **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 visual appeal and recognize the benefits of good design, which enhance quality of life for the residents of Durham City and County.

### **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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