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2018 Golden Leaf Award Winners Honored

Community Awards Recognize Best Contributions to Durham’s Appearance

DURHAM, N.C. – Last night, seven projects were honored for excellence in design and preservation of their properties at the [2018 Golden Leaf Awards for Community Appearance](#).

Sponsored by the Durham City-County Appearance Commission, Keep Durham Beautiful, Inc., and the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board, eight Golden Leaf Awards were given to seven properties to honor their excellence in design, preservation, and stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This year, 26 entries were judged in the following seven categories: Keep Durham Beautiful; Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse, Small-Scale Development; Large-Scale Development; and Sustainable Design. In addition there was also the People’s Choice winner. The winners honored were:

- Keep Durham Beautiful**
Lavender Street House
- Environmental Affairs Board Sustainable Design**
Duke School
- Garden & Landscape**
Lavender Street House
- Hearth & Home**
Meintjes Berliner Guest House & Studio

- Adaptive Reuse**
GRUB
- Small Development**
Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Large Development**
Unscripted Durham Hotel
- People’s Choice**
Sarah P. Duke Gardens’ Prairie Garden Classroom

Judging of the Golden Leaf Awards, except the People’s Choice Award, was done by an independent panel of local professionals representing architecture, landscape architecture, development, and the community. Selection criteria included excellence in design of a new development and/or improvement of an existing structure; raising community awareness of the value of good design and stewardship; improving the character, environment, or livability of an area; and a commitment to ongoing property maintenance in landscaping. The People’s Choice Award was selected by public vote from the nominees under consideration for any of the award categories for 2018. With voting open from March 1 to March 16, over 6,000 votes were cast for this award.

Visit the [Durham Golden Leaf Awards website](#) for more information or contact Senior Planner Matthew Filter with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271 or by email at Matthew.Filter@DurhamNC.gov.

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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