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Share! Know of a great-looking property in #Durham? Nominate it for a 2018 @DurmGoldenLeaf award beginning Jan. 2: www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com

Durham Seeks 2018 Golden Leaf Award Nominees

Community Awards Recognize Best Contributions to Durham's Appearance; Submit Nominations Online January 2–February 15

DURHAM, N.C. – Beginning January 2, 2018, nominations can be submitted to recognize properties that illustrate the best visual or environmental contributions to Durham through the 2018 Golden Leaf Awards for Community Appearance.

The awards program, sponsored by the Durham City-County Appearance Commission, Keep Durham Beautiful, Inc., and the Durham City-County Environmental Affairs Board, recognizes new developments, buildings, and landscaping in Durham County that provide positive attributes to the built environment.

Nominations may be submitted beginning January 2 until February 15 through the website, www.DurhamGoldenLeaf.com, which has been updated to provide homeowners, building owners, architects, landscape architects, developers, realtors, and anyone involved in design, planning, and construction in Durham with the Golden Leaf Award submission criteria. Residents who think there are certain Durham properties that have outstanding curb appeal are also invited to submit nominations.

The award categories are: 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. In addition, from all entries there will also be a Peoples' Choice Award winner. Any projects completed

within the last five years that have not already received a Golden Leaf Award are eligible. The awards will be handed out in April 2018.

For more information, email durhamgoldenleaf@gmail.com or contact Senior Planner [Matthew Filter](#) with the Durham City-County Planning Department at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

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 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.

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](#) and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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