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2016 Durham Golden Leaf Award Winners Honored

Community Awards Recognize Best Contributions to Durham's Appearance

DURHAM, N.C. – Last night, nine projects were honored for excellence in design and preservation of their properties during the [2016 Durham 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, honors excellence in design, preservation, and stewardship of the natural and built environment.

This year, 24 entries in the following seven categories were received: Keep Durham Beautiful; Neighborhood Garden & Landscape; Hearth & Home; Adaptive Reuse, Old Building – New Design; Small-Scale Development; Large-Scale Development; and Sustainable Design. In addition, there were also two People's Choice winners.

The winners honored during last night's event, held at the Durham County Government Administrative Complex Commissioners' Chambers, are as follows:

Keep Durham Beautiful Award Hub Farm – Touching Water Floating Lab	Adaptive Reuse, Old Building – New Design Awards: Ponysaurus & Durham City Hall Exterior Renovation
Environmental Affairs Board Sustainable Design Award: Lucas Middle School	Small Development Award: Duke University Faculty Club
Neighborhood Garden & Landscape Award:	Large Development Award:

Bee Downtown	Crescent 9 th Street
Hearth & Home Award: Oatley Residence	People's Choice Awards: Montessori Farm School & Durham City Hall Exterior Renovation

Judging of the awards, except for the People's Choice Award, was done by an independent panel of local professionals representing architecture, landscape architecture, development, and the arts 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 Awards were selected by public vote from the nominees under consideration for any of the award categories for 2016. With voting open from March 15 to April 1, over 4,500 votes were cast for this award category.

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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 Durham County [Board of 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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