APA FL great places in florida

The Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association celebrates excellence in planning.

Do you love your city? Nominate your favorite place for the Great Places in Florida Award!

Great Places in Florida, a program of the American Planning Association Florida Chapter celebrates streets, neighborhoods, public spaces and downtowns of exemplary character, quality and planning.

A great place represents the gold standard — having a true sense of place, culture, and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow. It contributes to the greater community's social, economic, environmental well being for the long term and supports a strong quality of life.

2018 winner: Downtown Winter Garden
2017 winner: Downtown Pensacola
2016 winner: Cascades Park (Tallahassee)
2015 winner: Fernandina Beach
2014 winner: Mount Dora

The 2019 Nomination Process

Anyone can nominate a Great Place by submitting the form found on the link below. With just a few words and a couple of pictures, you can nominate your favorite place to be recognized as a shining example to the rest of the state. A selection committee will narrow down the nominations. From these finalists, one Great Place will be chosen via a People's Choice online voting contest.

Important Dates

- Nominations will be accepted from **Aug. 12 through Sept. 20**
- Selection Committee will announce finalists on **Sept. 30**
- People's Choice voting will run from **Oct. 7 through Oct. 18**
- Winner announced on **Oct. 25.**

For complete nomination information and submission form, FAQs and past winners, go to: florida.planning.org/greatplaces

A GREAT PLACE

IS SAFE, WELCOMING, AND ACCOMMODATING FOR ALL USERS.
IS WELL MAINTAINED.
REFLECTS THE LOCAL CULTURE OR HISTORY.
HAS A UNIQUE CHARACTER.
HAS DESIGN FEATURES THAT ARE VISUALLY INTERESTING.
PROMOTES SOCIAL INTERACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.
RELATES WELL TO SURROUNDING USES.
PROMOTES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.