



## Press Release

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### **APA Florida Opens Nominations for Its Great Places in Florida Award**

Tallahassee, FL. The Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA FL) announces the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Great Places in Florida award program. This initiative celebrates Great Places in Florida and the communities that sustain them.

The APA FL Great Places in Florida award program focuses on unique, memorable places that work for the good of their community and attract people to visit them. The Great Places in Florida award is an annual selection of places that represent the gold standard of having a true sense of place, cultural and historical interest, community involvement and a vision for tomorrow. Great Places nominees should contribute to the greater community's social, economic, and environmental well-being for the long term. Any **Neighborhoods, Downtowns, Streets, or Public Places** in your community with these attributes are eligible for submission.

Finalists will be chosen by a panel of multidisciplinary experts, and the Great Places in Florida winner will be chosen by the public in the People's Choice voting round.

Contest deadlines are as follows:

- Nomination period opens on **Monday, Aug. 13, 2018**.
- Nominations due by **Friday, Sept. 21, 2018 at 5 pm ET**.
- Selection committee will deliberate and announce finalists on **Monday, Oct. 1, 2018**
- People's Choice voting runs **Monday, Oct. 8, 2018 - Friday, Oct. 19, 2018**.
- The 2018 Great Places in Florida winner will be announced on **Friday, October 26, 2018**, as the capstone to National Planning month activities.

To nominate your favorite place, visit the APA FL website at [floridaplanning.org/greatplaces](http://floridaplanning.org/greatplaces). All nomination instructions and submission forms can be found on the site.

Questions about the APA Florida Great Places competition can be addressed to APA FL Executive Director Julia "Alex" Magee at (850) 201-3272.

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The Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Florida) is a non-profit organization of professionals, students, and allied professionals providing vision and leadership for the future development and redevelopment of Florida communities. We are the state affiliate of the American Planning Association and have over 2,600 members, making us the second largest APA Chapter in the country. In Florida, as well as nationally, we have a membership that is diverse in expertise and focus. APA Florida members work both in the public and private sector; for Federal, state, and local government; for firms both large and small; in long-range planning and development review; in master planning, as well as site planning; in transportation planning, land use planning, environmental planning, design, and in many other capacities.