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The 2018 Livingston County Master Plan produced by the Livingston County Planning Department wins Prestigious State Planning Awards

Annually, the Michigan Association of Planning sponsors Planning Excellence Awards to honor outstanding planning projects throughout the State of Michigan. There are ten (10) Planning Excellence award categories, that parallel national American Planning Association (APA) award categories.

A jury of APA Michigan Chapter professionals review and select the award-winning projects. The 2018 Livingston County Master Plan <https://www.livgov.com/plan/Pages/2018-Livingston-County-Master-Plan.aspx> received the following two awards:

The **Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan** is for a comprehensive or general plan that advances the science and art of planning. The award honors America's most famous planner, Daniel Burnham, for his contributions to the planning profession and to a greater awareness of the benefits of good planning. The nomination for this award focused on the following project criteria: originality and innovation; quality in presentation and methodology; stakeholder engagement; implementation and effectiveness; and promotion of planning.

The **Best Practice** award is for a specific planning tool, practice, program, project, or process. This category emphasizes results and demonstrates how innovative and state-of-the-art planning methods and practices help to create communities of lasting value. The nomination for this award focused on the following project criteria: originality and innovation; implementation and transferability; stakeholder engagement; and effectiveness and results.

The jury of APA Michigan Chapter professionals included the following comment in their award recommendation for the 2018 Livingston County Master Plan:

“Big undertaking for three staff people with lots of engagement and education.”

Livingston County Planning Department staff and Livingston County Planning Commissioners will attend the award presentation at the Michigan Association of Planning's annual conference, *Planning Michigan*, on September 25, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo.

The Michigan Association of Planning, the state chapter of the American Planning Association is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting sound community land use planning that benefits the residents of Michigan. Learn more at www.planningmi.org.