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## **2011 Excellence Awards Nominations Open**

The Metropolitan Planning Commission is now accepting nominations for their annual Excellence Awards program. This awards program, now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, recognizes developers, designers and neighborhood activists who have made our community a better place in which to live.

Development categories include New Development, Historic Rehabilitation, Renovation and Special Use. The Environmental Sustainability category recognizes projects that use green building principles and technologies to conserve environmental resources and energy as well as limit building site disturbance. Additionally, community groups that promote planning excellence may be recognized in the Neighborhood Achievement category.

Nominations for the 2011 Excellence Awards will be accepted through Friday, April 1. For more information about the awards or to request an entry form, call the MPC office at 215-2500. Nominations may also be submitted online at www.knoxmpc.org.

To be considered, the project or plan must be located in Knox County (excluding the Town of Farragut) and must have been completed since January 1, 2008. The project must be fully completed to be considered. Winners will be chosen by the Planning Commission and honored at MPC's annual banquet in August.