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## **AVCOG**

### **2017 Recognition Awards Program**

To be awarded in April of 2018

AVCOG's Recognition Awards Program is designed to acknowledge area municipalities' efforts to try new and different approaches to serving its citizens and to promote those projects that have proven successful and effective as an example to others.

Each year, nominations are solicited from counties and municipalities which comprise the AVCOG membership. Nominations are accepted for projects and/or the efforts of individuals or groups that have been instrumental in achieving the stated goals.

Individual winners for each category will be honored with Certificates of Achievement at the AVCOG Annual General Assembly Awards Banquet to be held in April of 2018.

### **AWARD CATEGORIES**

#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which lead to increased business investment and associated job retention/creation and/or the creation of a suitable environment that can lead to business investment in traditional or "growth" industries important to the local economy.

#### **TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which lead to the development of transportation systems that promote safety, efficiency and intermodalism.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which provide substantial protection or improvement to the natural environment, particularly in the areas of water quality or solid waste management.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN PLANNING**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which serve as a model for public policy and implementation and which is consistent with the Growth Management Act.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Any project of an AVCOG member municipality or member county may be nominated for an award. Nomination need not be submitted by the member municipality, agency or department that developed or operated the project. No more than three nominations per category may be submitted by a member municipality. *The project must have been completed by December 31, 2017.*

### **JUDGING**

The nominations are assessed by a committee appointed by the AVCOG Executive Director.

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## NOMINATION RULES

Use the enclosed forms for submitting nominations (e-mail format available on request). Up to four additional pages per application may be attached, if needed, but applicants are encouraged to keep their nominations concise. Please submit color photos or slides, which depict the project, if possible. If the project is selected as an award winner, these photos may be used at the Annual Awards Banquet as part of a display depicting the winning projects. If a nominated project does not win, the slides/ photos will be returned on request. Do not submit collateral materials in three-ring binders.

The program is designed to recognize local municipal employees/volunteers and work groups for developing innovative projects. Therefore, an appropriate individual should be identified to represent those who initiated and implemented the project. It is up to the nominator to determine who is principally responsible for the project. Award winners and everyone who submitted nominations will be notified about their project's status by the end of March.

## DEADLINE

Nominations must be received by March 9, 2018, at AVCOG, 125 Manley Road, Auburn, Maine 04210.

## INFORMATION

If you have questions, please call Lisa Bonney at AVCOG (207) 783-9186.

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  - D. Two to five sentence summary of project, which includes length of time project has been in existence, and describe how and why the project is innovative. (***Reminder, project must have been completed by December 31, 2017.***)
  
  - E. Define the problem or need this project addressed.
  
  - F. Describe the project and its operation. Include statements describing: objectives and accomplishments of project; objectives and accomplishments or partnership; duration of project; improved services and/or operations; any cost savings, and other.
  
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PREVIOUS YEARS RECOGNITION AWARDS  
**AVCOG Recognition Awards**

**Business Development**

**1998**

Wilton Development Corporation

For efforts in pro-active business development for the community.

**1999**

River Valley Growth Council

Outstanding efforts and commitment to the creation of an economic development organization.

**2000**

Growth Council of Oxford Hills

Strategic approach to economic development for eight communities.

**2003**

Oxford Networks

In recognition of the development of the region's first fiber-optic network and the creation of a suitable environment to encourage business investment for the Lewiston/Auburn Fiber Optic Network.

**2004**

Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council

In recognition of its partners for the successful designation of the General Purpose Foreign Trade Zone in the Auburn-Lewiston Region.

**2006**

Greater Franklin Development Corporation~Abbott Hill Business Center

In recognition of its leadership and commitment to create and retain quality job opportunities in the region.

**2007**

Saddleback Mountain Ski Area~Bill Berry, Jr.

In recognition of their family's commitment to create economic opportunity that is sensitive to the rustic beauty and traditions of Western Maine.

**2009**

**Auburn-Lewiston Airport Lufthansa Hanger Project**

In recognition of the cooperative and innovative efforts of the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport, George Schott, Nobility, LLC Lufthansa Technik North America Holding Corporation which have lead to significant business investment and job creation.

**2015**

**Mt. Abram Ski Resort~K. Matthew Hancock**

In recognition of the innovative efforts which have led to significant business investment and job creation.

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## **Environmental Achievement**

**1998**

Sandy River Recycling Association  
For efforts in regional recycling.

**1999**

Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District  
In recognition of your exceptional commitment to the environment through your quality soil and water conservation program and projects.

**2001**

The City of Lewiston  
No Name Pond Watershed Management Plan  
In recognition of an innovative Watershed Action Plan to improve the water quality of No Name Pond.

**2002**

The City of Lewiston  
Public Works Department  
Gully Brook Sewer Separation Project  
In recognition of the unique methods employed to eliminate a sewer system overflow and protect water quality.

**2004**

Androscoggin River Watershed Council  
In recognition of the Tenth Anniversary of the Source to Sea Canoe Trek, which has increased awareness of the river's potential.

**2007**

Neokraft SIGNS  
In recognition of their leadership in the business community to incorporate extensive recycling initiatives.

**2011**

Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority  
In recognition of the Anaerobic Digester Project.

**2012**

Town of Newry  
In recognition of environmentally sustainable Riverbank restoration projects on the Sunday and Bear Rivers in order to support the native brook trout fishery.

**2015**

Wilton Tannery for the Brownfields clean-up and redevelopment and John Black of the Wilson Stream Business Park LLC. In recognition of cooperative achievements in activities and efforts that have led to the improvement of the natural environment and significant business investment.

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## Transportation Achievement

**1994**

City of Auburn - Intermodal Facility

**1995**

Route 4 Corridor Committee

Efforts on transportation improvement projects to maintain major arterial through Western Maine.

**1996**

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company

Efforts to provide rail services to Western Maine communities and businesses.

**1999**

Greater Bethel Area Transit Study Committee

In recognition of exceptional commitment to the development of a public participation group interested in the creation of quality regional transportation.

**2000**

Route 26 Corridor Committee

Tireless effort to improve a major transportation corridor in their area.

**2008**

Town of Dixfield and the Town of Mexico to replace the *Thaddeus White Bridge*

In recognition of the united effort between the two towns.

**2010**

The **Transportation Achievement Award** was presented to Western Maine Transportation Service and Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee in recognition of expanded hours and days of service in difficult economic times for the *citylink* Bus Service.

**2012**

Maine Department of Transportation; Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation; Town of Carrabassett Valley and Western Maine Transportation Services, Inc. In recognition of a successful public-private partnership to deliver public transit services to the Carrabassett Valley area for the **Sugarloaf Explorer**.

**2014**

City of Lewiston and the Town of Lisbon in recognition of their vision and commitment to establish a regional trail network and bring the East Coast Greenway into their downtowns.

**2016**

Bethel Area Age-friendly Community Initiative in recognition of the Bethel Area Age-friendly Community Initiative for establishing innovative free transit for senior citizens in the greater Bethel area.

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## Achievements in Planning

**1997**

Town of Madrid

Efforts of the Madrid Planning Program represented innovative approach to planning for small rural communities.

**1998**

Town of Bethel

For the Bethel Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program.

**1999**

City of Auburn

In recognition of your outstanding efforts and commitment to the development of quality planning found in the ADAPT plan.

**2000**

City of Lewiston

For their vision and inclusive approach to the Downtown Master Plan.

**2001**

Town of Norway

Norway Downtown Revitalization Group

In recognition of outstanding efforts to enhance the economic vitality of Norway's downtown.

**2008**

The Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway and its partner, the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust

In recognition of their long-term commitment to planning, management and project development of the *Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway*.

**2009**

Canton Dam Replacement Project for the joint efforts of the Towns of Canton and Hartford, Lake Anasagunticook Association, Canton Water District and Mill Pond Association. In recognition of efforts which serve as a model for public involvement and cooperation.

**2016**

City of Lewiston-Comprehensive Plan Legacy Lewiston in recognition of an innovative approach in public participation and a unique graphical presentation of a Comprehensive Plan with recommended policies and implementation strategies.

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