

## 2015 Burnham Award for Excellence in Planning

### Call for Nominations

The Burnham Award for Excellence in Planning encourages sensible growth by honoring innovative and visionary planning efforts in the Chicago metropolitan region. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) invites you to help celebrate the best in plans and planning by nominating projects you think deserve such recognition.

#### Nomination Categories

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The Metropolitan Planning Council presents the annual Burnham Award to a plan that demonstrates **results** in one or more of the following categories:

1. **Creating more livable communities** through better integration of land use and housing; management of water and energy resources; improvement of parks and open space; and promotion of local food.
2. **Addressing human capital** with improvements to education and workforce development; and supporting economic innovation.
3. **Improving regional mobility** by investing strategically in transportation; increasing commitment to public transit; and creating a more efficient freight network.
4. **Making government more efficient** by reforming state and local tax policy; improving access to information; and pursuing coordinated investments.

All submissions will be judged on whether they followed an open process and encouraged public participation. The submission must demonstrate that the plan led to **results** that can be measured.

#### \$2,500 Prize

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The winner will receive a \$2,500 cash prize and will be recognized at a special award ceremony celebrating planning on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 17.

#### Submission Guidelines

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1. Complete the nomination form on the reverse side.
2. Email a written response of 1,500 words or less in PDF form. Responses should be organized by category number. The demonstration of measurable results is given particular consideration.
3. *(Optional)* Include additional supporting material describing the project in greater detail, such as maps, color plans, videos, etc.\*

#### Deadline: 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2015

\*YOU MAY INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIAL DESCRIBING THE PROJECT IN GREATER DETAIL, SUCH AS TEXT DOCUMENTS, GRAPHICS, ILLUSTRATIONS, VIDEOS, POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS, MAPS AND DRAWINGS. SUPPLEMENTAL FILES SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 10 MB EACH. FIGURES, GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING FILE EXTENSIONS: .TIF, .EPS, .PPT, .PDF, .GIF. SUPPLEMENTAL VIDEO FILES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOLLOWING THESE REQUIREMENTS: .WMV, .MOV, .QT, .MPG, .MPEG, .MP4 FORMATS ONLY. VIDEO FILES SHOULD BE FORMATTED WITH A 320X240 PIXEL MINIMUM SCREEN SIZE. THESE MATERIALS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE JUDGES AS SUPPLEMENTAL INPUTS.

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# 2015 Burnham Award for Excellence in Planning Nomination Form

## Submission Guidelines

### Send entries to:

Email this completed form and any supporting materials to Ariel Ranieri at [aranieri@metroplanning.org](mailto:aranieri@metroplanning.org). If your supporting materials are larger than **10 MB** in total, please do not attach them to your email. Instead, use a free online service such as **dropsend.com** or **yousendit.com** to submit your materials.

### Contact us at:

Ariel Ranieri  
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312.863.6020

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July 14, 2015**

### Project Description (50 words max.)

### Nominator

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NOMINATOR'S NAME

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COMPANY / ORGANIZATION NAME

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY / STATE / ZIP

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PHONE / FAX / EMAIL

### Nominee

\_\_\_\_\_  
PROJECT NAME

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COMPANY / ORGANIZATION NAME (AS IT WILL BE PRINTED ON AWARD)

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CONTACT NAME

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY / STATE / ZIP

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