



2014 Livable Polk Awards Application

The Livable Polk Awards, brought to you by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners and co-sponsors, is committed to recognizing projects and innovations that are making Polk a more livable place for generations to come.

A panel of representatives from our co-sponsors will serve as the judges for the Livable Polk Awards. The winners will be honored at Polk Vision's Annual Meeting on August 27, 2014.

Applications will be accepted through July 25, 2014.

We are seeking recommendations and applications for honorees in the following categories:

Conservation Development

Projects or programs that:

- Preserve or restore historic and cultural resources
- Support the viability of agricultural lands
- Provide habitat corridors by linking open space networks
- Enhance natural areas provided by contiguous environmental lands
- Reduce wildfire damage
- Protect the night sky from unnecessary light
- Create open spaces and/or recreational areas
- Reduces costs through efficient use of land, streets or utilities.

Healthy Community Design

Projects or programs that:

- Create opportunities for people to be physically active and engage socially
- Create community gathering spaces
- Integrate open spaces or create parks
- Offer pedestrian and bicycle access to land uses
- Create connections to existing bicycle/pedestrian systems and Polk's trail network
- Support community gardens or offer access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Sustainable Development

Projects or programs that:

- Reduce potable water use

- Reduce energy use and/or promote alternative energy sources
 - Utilize recyclable materials
 - Promote aging in place through universal design
 - Provide mix of land uses close in proximity
 - Develop infill properties or redevelop existing sites
 - Implement "Complete Streets" design principles to better serve all users
 - Manage stormwater effectively
 - Reduce impact of built areas on natural movement of water
 - Restore hydrologic and ecological functions of watersheds
 - Promote economically efficient provision of infrastructure
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What category are you submitting a Livable Polk Award recommendation for?

Conservation Development

Healthy Community Design

Sustainable Development

Name of business or organization:

Project or program to be considered:

Contact person at business or organization:

Phone number of contact person:

Address of business or organization:

Your Name:

Your relationship, if any, to nominee:

Your phone number:

Your email address:

Please describe the project or program you are nominating as it relates to the award criteria described above. Explain why the project or practice is an exceptional example of people making Polk County a more livable place to live, now and for the future.

Include any relevant Internet links to project or business information in your description. Please send any additional files, photos, videos or supporting information to rjwalters@polk-county.net. For questions on the Livable Polk Awards call 863-534-6709.
