

Yorkville, IL – The Yorkville Plan, a 24-month long process to provide a vision for Yorkville, IL, has been named recipient of the American Planning Association’s Illinois Chapter (APA-IL) prestigious 2017 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan.

APA’s IL Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan is presented annually to a plan that advances planning—the work of building and enriching communities. The award is named for Daniel Burnham, one of the nation’s most renowned urban planners.

The Yorkville Plan was a combined effort by the City, in collaboration with its residents and community stakeholders, along with The Lakota Group in which a plan of action to achieve the community’s long-term vision was created. It represents a new set of policies and strategies to guide the community’s growth and development for the decade ahead.

“This update came at a time when the Chicago metropolitan area, specifically Kendall County – once the fastest growing county in the nation – was emerging from a significant economic and housing recession in recent memory,” said Gary Golinski, Mayor. “Receiving this award is a great honor for Yorkville, as so many community members were involved in the planning and continue to work toward implementing our vision to become an even greater City.”

The plan’s objective was to provide a pathway through policy, design and land use planning to enhance the overall quality of life for Yorkville residents, while addressing issues of growth and development, economic recovery, infrastructure needs and downtown revitalization.

“This plan utilized scenario-planning to right-size a City that never grew to meet optimistic population projections,” said Krysti Barksdale-Noble, AICP, Yorkville Community Development Director.

The comprehensive plan also presents a range of tangible steps towards implementation of goals in the areas of community-wide identity, economic development, residential subdivision development strategies, and enhancements to transportation networks, laid out in chart format with specific time ranges for completion. Yorkville has taken the recommended implementation timeline seriously, having already completed some tasks and budgeted for others in the current fiscal year.

The 2017 APA-IL Planning Award recipients were honored at the APA-IL 2017 State Conference on September 13, 2017 in Naperville, IL.

For more information on the plan and award, please visit www.ilapa.org/awards.

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