



## Columbia Tree & Appearance Commission and Columbia Green are pleased to present the 8th Annual Columbia Choice Awards

### Recognizing

individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, developers, and organizations whose work has significantly enhanced the appearance and quality of life of our Columbia environment.

To qualify, entries must be  
received by the  
Columbia Tree & Appearance  
Commission  
no later than October 1, 2009

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#### New Construction/Site Development

Recognizes new construction and site development projects that exemplify development excellence. Selection criteria include suitability for and enhancement of surrounding area; overall appearance and design; quality of landscaping; creative site planning; and innovative treatment of signage, utilities and infrastructure.

#### Renovation/Reuse

Recognizes excellence in restoration, renovation or adaptive reuse of an existing property. Selection criteria include creativity of use of existing site; adaptation to current building codes and standards; quality of landscape design; and innovative treatment of signage, utilities and infrastructure.

#### Site Beautification Management

Recognizes property that has, over time and in all seasons, demonstrated a commitment to excellence in maintenance, landscape design, consistency of visual appeal and enhancement of our surroundings.

#### Education

Recognizes any individual, school or organization which promotes attention to our urban environment, its beautification, maintenance and preservation. Selection criteria include overall visual enhancement, educational value, and/or heightened awareness of the environment.

#### Neighborhood/Community

Recognizes a civic, community or neighborhood organization whose effort has significantly added to the quality of life and beautification of a portion of Columbia. Selection criteria include overall visual effect, community participation, and perceived quality of life enhancement.

#### Special Achievement Award

Recognizes a government agency, community interest group, civic organization, business or individual who has made a significant contribution to the appearance of our community and to the overall quality of life in the City of Columbia.

**ENTRY MATERIALS**

Photos, drawings or other material which will adequately represent the project should accompany the entry form. Materials must be submitted on 8½ x 11 sheets and are limited to five (5) pieces. All materials will be available for presentation and promotional purposes unless a written objection accompanies the entry form. All material will be available for pickup after the awards presentation. The official Columbia Choice Awards entry form must be completed in its entirety and must accompany each entry. Use the attached form, which may be duplicated as needed for multiple entries. Nominations will be accepted from anyone. To be eligible, all projects must be within the city of Columbia and entry materials must be received no later than **October 1, 2009**.

**AWARDS**

For each winning project, recognition will be given, when appropriate, to both the project owner and the primary person or organization most responsible for the design, implementation or maintenance of the project. This person or organization shall be designated on the entry form. The jury reserves the right to forego conferring an award in any given category. More than one award may be given in each category at jurors' discretion.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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## ENTRY FORM

PROJECT NAME/ADDRESS

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PROPERTY OWNER NAME / ADDRESS /PHONE

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PERSON OR ORGANIZATION MOST RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION OR MAINTENANCE OF THE PROJECT

ADDRESS/PHONE

ENTRY CATEGORY (CHECK)  New Construction/Site Development  Renovation/Reuse  
 Site Beautification Management  Education  
 Neighborhood/Community  Special Achievement

REASON FOR ENTRY (DESCRIBE)

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ENTRY CONTACT PERSON / ADDRESS / PHONE

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PLEASE PRINT AND SUBMIT TO:  
COLUMBIA TREE & APPEARANCE COMMISSION C/O FORESTRY & BEAUTIFICATION  
2910 COLONIAL DRIVE, COLUMBIA, SC 29203