2013 Commonwealth Awards
Honoring former Governor Thomas J. Ridge
and the
Commonwealth’s Smart Growth Projects

Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Harrisburg, PA
Welcome!

Thank you for joining 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania and our title sponsors, PNC Bank and Erie Insurance, for the 2013 Commonwealth Awards. Tonight we will celebrate the benefits, including the financial and fiscal benefits, of efficient land use. We will also honor a former Governor who launched visionary land use initiatives – Tom Ridge – and exemplary real estate projects that have advanced 10,000 Friends mission. Our vision is to have a positive impact on the built and natural environments through responsible and efficient land use. We hope you find vision and ideas, projects and best practices to inspire you to create great places to live and work in Pennsylvania.

Program of Events

5:00 Registration and Refreshments

5:30 Awards Program

Presentation of Community Transportation Excellence Awards

Keynote Presentation - Joseph Minicozzi, AICP, Urban3, Asheville, NC

Presentation of Mark C. Schneider Memorial Friend of Pennsylvania Award - Honoring Former Pennsylvania Governor Thomas J. Ridge

Presentation of 2013 Commonwealth Awards

Reception to follow award presentations
Before the events of September 11, 2001, Tom Ridge was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania. He served as the state’s 43rd governor from 1995 to 2001, and was known for his commitment to high standards and results. Among the landmark achievements of Governor Ridge’s gubernatorial administration were the creation of the 21st Century Environment Commission, the Interagency Land Use Team, the Land Recycling program, the Growing Greener initiative and the successful Growing Greener I voter referendum. His administration saw sustainability as an economic strategy and pioneered responsible land use initiatives making Pennsylvania a leader among states on these issues. The 21st Century Environment Commission singled out land use as the most critical issue facing the state, identified land consumption as our biggest sustainability challenge, and made more than 240 recommendations to responsibly address land use issues. Pennsylvania’s Land Recycling Program has cleaned up and made safe over 1,100 industrial and commercial “brownfield” sites where more than 30,000 people now work, and has become a national and international model for how to do brownfield cleanups. The Program has received several awards, including the prestigious 1997 Innovations in American Government Award from the Ford Foundation and Harvard University, and it received the 1997 Innovations Award from the Council of State Governments. The Growing Greener Program, which Gov. Ridge signed into law on December 1999, was the largest single environmental investment in Pennsylvania’s history — nearly $650 million over five years — to preserve open space and farmland, reclaim abandoned mines, restore watersheds, support local recreation projects, eliminate the backlog of maintenance projects in state parks and forests and upgrade water and sewer systems.

Born August 26, 1945, in Pittsburgh’s Steel Valley, Ridge was raised in a working-class family in veterans’ public housing in Erie. He earned a scholarship to Harvard, graduating with honors in 1967. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as an infantry staff sergeant in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star for Valor, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. After returning to Pennsylvania and to Dickinson, he earned his law degree and was in private practice before becoming assistant district attorney in Erie County. Tom Ridge was elected to Congress in 1982. He was one of the first Vietnam combat veterans elected to Congress and was re-elected by Pennsylvania voters five times.

We honor the leadership and vision of Gov. Ridge throughout a lifetime of service to the cause of protecting and preserving Pennsylvania’s natural resources, promoting responsible land use, and revitalizing our existing communities.
Commonwealth Award Winners

Community Institution, Reading Citadel Intermediate High School, McKissick Associates Architects, Reading, Berks County

Public Infrastructure/ Green Space, Plum and Walnut Streets Green Intersection, City of Lancaster Public Works Department, Lancaster, Lancaster County

Residential - Arbor Heights, Progressive Housing Ventures LLC, Norristown, Montgomery County

Residential - Norris Apartments, Philadelphia Housing Authority, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Residential - International House, Harrisburg Realty Improvements Corporation, Harrisburg, Dauphin County

Mixed Use - Allentown Entertainment District - Phase 1 Vaughan Communications Group, Allentown, Lehigh County

Commercial - Ambler Boiler House, Heckendorn Shiles Architects, Ambler, Montgomery County
Mixed Use - Carlisle High Street Properties, Cumberland County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities, Carlisle, Cumberland County

Mixed Use - Hawley Silk Mill, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, Hawley, Wayne County

Mixed Use - Marketview Arts, Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects, York, York County

Industrial - Thomas & Betts Reznor Research and Development Facility, Wessex Corporation, Mercer, Mercer County

Planning Project - Almono Site Plan - Hazelwood, Rothschild Doyno Collaborative, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Community Institution Lenfest Hall, the Curtis Institute of Music, VSBA LLC, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Commercial - Le Meridien, Blackney Hayes Architects, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
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Special thanks to the 2013 Commonwealth Awards Jury:

Jury:

John R. Elliott  
President & CEO  
Economic Development Corporation of Erie County  
Erie

Bret Peters  
Principal, Architect  
Office for Planning and Architecture  
Harrisburg

Frank Mancini  
Executive Director  
Beaver County Planning Commission  
Beaver

Nancy Wagner-Hislip  
Executive Vice-President, Community Investment and Capital Markets  
The Reinvestment Fund  
Philadelphia

Larry Newman  
Executive Director  
Diamond City Partnership  
Wilkes-Barre

Keynote Presentation

Joe Minicozzi, AICP

Joseph Minicozzi, AICP is the principal of Urban3, LLC (U3), a consulting company of downtown Asheville real estate developer Public Interest Projects. Prior to creating U3, he served as the Executive Director for the Asheville Downtown Association. Before moving to Asheville, he was the primary administrator of the Form Based Code for downtown West Palm Beach, FL. Joe’s cross-training in city planning in the public and private sectors, as well as private sector real estate finance, has allowed him to develop award-winning analytic tools that have garnered national attention in Planetizen, The Wall Street Journal, Planning Magazine, The New Urban News, National Association of Realtors, Atlantic Cities, and the Center for Clean Air Policy’s Growing Wealthier report. Joe is a sought after lecturer on the economics of land use and design. His work has been featured at the Congress for New Urbanism, the American Planning Association, the International Association of Assessing Officers, and the New Partners for Smart Growth conferences as a paradigm shift for thinking about development patterns and fiscal health of communities.

Joe is a founding member of the Asheville Design Center, a non-profit community design center dedicated to creating livable communities across all of Western North Carolina. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from University of Miami and Masters in Architecture and Urban Design from Harvard University.
What is Community Transportation?
Community Transportation is the strategic linkage between transportation investments and land use decisions that facilitate place-based community and economic development. PennDOT has created the Smart Transportation program and policy, including a guidebook to assist project sponsors in planning projects.

Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative
PennDOT created the Pennsylvania Community Transportation Initiative (PCTI) to fund projects that implement the community transportation concept and demonstrate the principles of Smart Transportation policy. The program rewards those projects that integrate land use and transportation decisions, investing in meritorious planning and construction projects. On May 28th, 2009 PennDOT announced the recipients of the first of two rounds of PCTI funding thus far. Due to the leadership and innovation of PennDOT in creating the PCTI program, Pennsylvania is implementing smart growth policy, recognizing the value of high quality places, and encouraging coordination of capital investments.

10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania’s Role in Community Transportation
The PCTI program is the direct result of policy development and advocacy by 10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania and its partners and consultants. The program’s creation was the culmination of nearly four years of best practices research, policy development, and program advocacy, working with PennDOT, their transportation partners, and communities statewide.

Why create this award?
Because our land is a finite asset, 10,000 Friends created the “Community Transportation Excellence Award” to recognize exemplary community transportation projects, the projects’ sponsors and leaders, and to demonstrate the importance of community transportation in creating healthy, sustainable communities. The benefits of community transportation can only be realized when infrastructure investment is linked to responsible, efficient land use.

2013 Community Transportation Excellence Awardees
These completed projects and plans demonstrate the application of Smart Transportation policy and community transportation practice in Central Pennsylvania:

City of Altoona – PSU Campus Connector Trail
City of Altoona & PennDOT District 3
Blair County

Pine Creek Trail Connector
Jersey Shore Borough & Lycoming County Planning Commission
Jersey Shore, Lycoming County

Traffic Safety and Mobility Project
Borough of Carlisle
Carlisle, Cumberland County

Queen Street Station Intermodal Center
Red Rose Transit Authority
Lancaster, Lancaster County

Highlands Drive Land Use Improvement Project
Warwick Township
Warwick, Lancaster County

Pathway to Health Project
City of Williamsport & Lycoming County Planning Commission
Williamsport, Lycoming County

Lake Augusta Gateway Corridor Plan
SEDA Council of Governments
Northumberland County

YES 2040 – Countywide Growth Scenarios Plan
York County Planning Commission
York County