



American Planning Association
North Carolina Chapter

July 24, 2009

Mr. Ben Hitchings, AICP, Planning Director
Town of Morrisville
P.O. Box 166
Morrisville, NC 27560

Dear Mr. Hitchings:

On behalf of the NCAPA Awards Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Committee has selected the *Town of Morrisville 2009 Land Use and Transportation Plans Update* to receive a 2009 North Carolina Marvin Collins Planning Award in the Brian Benson Outstanding Planning Award, Comprehensive Planning (Small Community) category. The award recognizes plans, programs or processes of unusually high merit adopted or enacted in the current or past two calendar years. The Committee was impressed with the Town of Morrisville's use of a variety of engaging public involvement techniques, such as the "strings and ribbons" exercise and youth-oriented activities, as well with its efforts to communicate with the community about the project and respond to issues raised by the public. It also liked the inclusion of the design guidance in the Transportation Plan and thought that the action items shared by both plans would serve as a useful guide for plan implementation.

The award will be presented during the North Carolina Annual Planning Conference Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 2, 2009, beginning at 1:00 P.M., at the Greensboro Marriott Downtown, located at 304 North Greene Street, Greensboro. The Town of Morrisville is entitled to two complimentary meals at the Awards Luncheon. Additional meals may be purchased for \$35.00 each. I will contact you in the next few weeks with additional information about the luncheon and instructions for registering.

Award recipients will receive one framed and one unframed award certificate issued to and in the name of the primary governmental entity/entities responsible for adopting or directing the project or plan. Additional framed or unframed certificates for others involved in the project, such as partner organizations or consultants, may be purchased through NCAPA, at cost. Please contact me by August 14, 2009, via telephone (828-251-6914) or email (ksmith@ncommerce.com), if additional award certificates are desired for the Town or other project partners.

If you have any questions about the 2009 North Carolina Marvin Collins Planning Awards Program, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen C. Smith".

Karen C. Smith, AICP
NCAPA Awards Committee Co-Chair

cc: J. Scott Lane, AICP, The Louis Berger Group, Inc.