



American Planning Association

Making Great Communities Happen

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Dear Wendy:

On behalf of the American Planning Association, I'm honored to notify you that **South Main Street** in Ann Arbor has been selected as one of ten **Great Streets** in the *Great Places in America* program for 2009. We are proud to recognize your Great Place as a role model of good planning for communities around the country. These kinds of places don't happen without leaders like yourself, and I commend you for your dedication to making great communities happen.

This year more than 200 suggestions were reviewed altogether, making the selection process difficult. While many of the suggested places were good examples of planning, entries selected for designation illustrate most effectively what it means to be a "great" place, including design, functionality, sustainability, character, quality, and public participation.

APA will formally announce the 2009 *Great Places in America* designees on Wednesday, October 7 through a national announcement in Houston; through our website (www.planning.org/greatplaces); and through our electronic newsletter for APA members, *APA Interact*. We also will send a news release at 12:01 a.m. on October 7 to a variety of national and local media outlets for their use.

If you have not done so already, please contact your mayor and officials in order to coordinate any local events or media activities, celebrating the designation on October 7 or afterwards.

We hope that you will embark on your own local celebrations or announcements to honor this designation. We encourage you to use this designation as an opportunity to draw attention to National Community Planning Month (www.planning.org/ncpm) and promote and advance your local planning efforts. If there is anything that we can do to assist you, please don't hesitate to let us know by contacting either Richard Lukas, Senior Outreach Associate (202.349.1010) or Dennis Johnson, Public Affairs Coordinator (202.349.1006).

On behalf of APA President Bruce Knight, FAICP, and the APA Board of Directors, I offer sincere congratulations to you and your community. We are very proud to know that places like yours are helping to create communities of lasting value.

Sincerely,

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