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# AVCOG

## 2011 Recognition Awards Program

To be awarded in April of 2012

AVCOG's Recognition Awards Program is designed to acknowledge area municipalities' efforts to try new and different approaches to serving its citizens and to promote those projects that have proven successful and effective as an example to others.

Each year, nominations are solicited from counties and municipalities which comprise the AVCOG membership. Nominations are accepted for projects and/or the efforts of individuals or groups that have been instrumental in achieving the stated goals.

Individual winners for each category will be honored with Certificates of Achievement at the AVCOG Annual General Assembly Awards Banquet to be held in April of 2012.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

#### **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which lead to increased business investment and associated job retention/creation and/or the creation of a suitable environment that can lead to business investment in traditional or "growth" industries important to the local economy.

#### **TRANSPORTATION ACHIEVEMENT**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which lead to the development of transportation systems that promote safety, efficiency and intermodalism.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which provide substantial protection or improvement to the natural environment, particularly in the areas of water quality or solid waste management.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS IN PLANNING**

**Criteria:** Recognizes achievements in activities/efforts which serve as a model for public policy and implementation and which is consistent with the Growth Management Act.

### ELIGIBILITY

Any project of an AVCOG member municipality or member county may be nominated for an award. Nomination need not be submitted by the member municipality, agency or department that developed or operated the project. No more than three nominations per category may be submitted by a member municipality. *The project must have been completed by December 31, 2011.*

### JUDGING

The nominations are assessed by a committee appointed by the AVCOG Executive Director.

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## NOMINATION RULES

Use the enclosed forms for submitting nominations (e-mail format available on request). Up to four additional pages per application may be attached, if needed, but applicants are encouraged to keep their nominations concise. Please submit color photos or slides, which depict the project, if possible. If the project is selected as an award winner, these photos may be used at the Annual Awards Banquet as part of a display depicting the winning projects. If a nominated project does not win, the slides/ photos will be returned on request. Do not submit collateral materials in three-ring binders.

The program is designed to recognize local municipal employees/volunteers and work groups for developing innovative projects. Therefore, an appropriate individual should be identified to represent those who initiated and implemented the project. It is up to the nominator to determine who is principally responsible for the project. Award winners and everyone who submitted nominations will be notified about their project's status by the end of March.

## DEADLINE

Nominations must be received by Friday, February 24, 2012, at AVCOG, 125 Manley Road, Auburn, Maine 04210.

## INFORMATION

If you have questions, please call Lisa Bonney at AVCOG (207) 783-9186.

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PREVIOUS YEARS RECOGNITION AWARDS  
**AVCOG Recognition Awards**

**Business Development**

**1998**

Wilton Development Corporation

For efforts in pro-active business development for the community

**1999**

River Valley Growth Council

Outstanding efforts and commitment to the creation of an economic development organization

**2000**

Growth Council of Oxford Hills

Strategic approach to economic development for eight communities

**2003**

Oxford Networks

In recognition of the development of the region's first fiber-optic network and the creation of a suitable environment to encourage business investment for the Lewiston/Auburn Fiber Optic Network

**2004**

Lewiston-Auburn Economic Growth Council

In recognition of its partners for the successful designation of the General Purpose Foreign Trade Zone in the Auburn-Lewiston Region

**2006**

Greater Franklin Development Corporation~Abbott Hill Business Center

In recognition of its leadership and commitment to create and retain quality job opportunities in the region

**2007**

Saddleback Mountain Ski Area~Bill Berry, Jr.

In recognition of their family's commitment to create economic opportunity that is sensitive to the rustic beauty and traditions of Western Maine

**2009**

**Auburn-Lewiston Airport Lufthansa Hanger Project**

In recognition of the cooperative and innovative efforts of the Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport, George Schott, Nobility, LLC Lufthansa Technik North America Holding Corporation which have lead to significant business investment and job creation

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## Environmental Achievement

### 1994

Town of Lisbon  
Lisbon Solid Waste Effort  
(Bulky Waste & Recycling)

### 1995

Town of Mechanic Falls  
Pollution Prevention Activities as part of the Androscoggin River Pollution Prevention Project

### 1996

City of Lewiston  
Lewiston Solid Waste Facility

### 1998

Sandy River Recycling Association  
For efforts in regional recycling

### 1999

Androscoggin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District  
In recognition of your exceptional commitment to the environment through your quality soil and water conservation program and projects

### 2001

The City of Lewiston  
No Name Pond Watershed Management Plan  
In recognition of an innovative Watershed Action Plan to improve the water quality of No Name Pond

### 2002

The City of Lewiston  
Public Works Department  
Gully Brook Sewer Separation Project  
In recognition of the unique methods employed to eliminate a sewer system overflow and protect water quality.

### 2004

Androscoggin River Watershed Council  
In recognition of the Tenth Anniversary of the Source to Sea Canoe Trek, which has increased awareness of the river's potential

### 2007

Neokraft SIGNS  
In recognition of their leadership in the business community to incorporate extensive recycling initiatives

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## Transportation Achievement

**1994**

City of Auburn - Intermodal Facility

**1995**

Route 4 Corridor Committee

Efforts on transportation improvement projects to maintain major arterial through Western Maine

**1996**

St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad Company

Efforts to provide rail services to Western Maine communities and businesses

**1999**

Greater Bethel Area Transit Study Committee

In recognition of exceptional commitment to the development of a public participation group interested in the creation of quality regional transportation

**2000**

Route 26 Corridor Committee

Tireless effort to improve a major transportation corridor in their area

**2008**

Town of Dixfield and the Town of Mexico to replace the *Thaddeus White Bridge*

In recognition of the united effort between the two towns

**2010**

The **Transportation Achievement Award** was presented to Western Maine Transportation Service and Lewiston-Auburn Transit Committee in recognition of expanded hours and days of service in difficult economic times for the *citylink* Bus Service.

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## Achievements in Planning

### 1994

Town of Wilton  
Wilton Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program

### 1995

Town of Jay  
Jay Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program

### 1996

Maine's Lakes & Mountains Tourism Council  
Efforts in regional tourism promotion

### 1997

Town of Madrid  
Efforts of the Madrid Planning Program represented innovative approach to planning for small rural communities.

### 1998

Town of Bethel  
For the Bethel Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Program.

### 1999

City of Auburn  
In recognition of your outstanding efforts and commitment to the development of quality planning found in the ADAPT plan

### 2000

City of Lewiston  
For their vision and inclusive approach to the Downtown Master Plan

### 2001

Town of Norway  
Norway Downtown Revitalization Group  
In recognition of outstanding efforts to enhance the economic vitality of Norway's downtown

### 2008

The Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway and its partner, the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust  
In recognition of their long-term commitment to planning, management and project development of the *Rangeley Lakes National Scenic Byway*

### 2009

Canton Dam Replacement Project for the joint efforts of the Towns of Canton and Hartford, Lake Anasagunticook Association, Canton Water District and Mill Pond Association.  
In recognition of efforts which serve as a model for public involvement and cooperation

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