



## News Release

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### **Wabash CAN Coalition Receives 2021 Outstanding Grassroots Award from Indiana Chapter of the American Planning Association**

**LAFAYETTE, INDIANA – March 11, 2021** – The Indiana Chapter of the American Planning Association has awarded the Wabash CAN Coalition with a Hoosier Planning Award for Outstanding Grassroots Initiative. The Hoosier Planning Awards program was created to recognize professional excellence and outstanding examples of urban planning. These awards honor works that represent the forefront of the profession and embody high levels of creativity and imagination.

The recognition honors the City of Lafayette, Habitat for Humanity, the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and MKSK, Inc. for the Wabash CAN Coalition, a group of active stakeholders that are working, living, volunteering in the Wabash Ave neighborhood. The group has been building community through grassroots efforts for civic engagement with the Wabash Walls Mural Initiative, supporting the Boldly Wabash Avenue Neighborhood Enhancement Plan and for pedestrian safety on Wabash Ave. In the past few years, Wabash Ave has become a cultural destination in Lafayette.

The Awards Committee of IN-APA juries the 2021 Hoosier Planning Awards, with committee members recusing themselves from both the discussion of the award and voting for the award if they were involved with the nominated organizations in the past or present. The awards



program is open to any individual, firm, agency or institution for both projects in Indiana as well as projects located outside of Indiana. Nominated projects must be three years old or less at the time of nomination to be considered for an award.

The awards program includes two levels of recognition, Honorable Mention and Outstanding. Honor Awards recognize projects that demonstrate high-quality solutions to challenging problems and contain multiple attributes that make them unique amongst the nominees.

The highest honor is an Outstanding Award. Outstanding is only given by the committee if they felt that a project went above and beyond the normal planning practice for that category, was particularly unique and innovative, and will serve to move the profession of urban planning forward in the future.

The award-winning project can be viewed here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Slxha2YcUWc> from the American Planning Association.

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