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The City of Springfield's Glenwood Refinement Plan Wins National Planning Award

The Phase I Glenwood Refinement Plan (GRP), has been recognized by the American Planning Association (APA) with the 2015 National Planning Excellence Award for Innovation in Economic Planning and Development. The award honors efforts to transform economies and stimulate economic development in communities of all sizes.

“The Glenwood Refinement Plan puts into a picture exactly what the vision is for this industrial area and we appreciate the recognition,” said Mayor Christine Lundberg. According to the APA, the Phase I GRP successfully built upon previous planning efforts with a more comprehensive look at desired types and forms of new development and redevelopment. The plan update called for a forward-thinking community vision; committing to high-quality development; protecting its investments in new infrastructure; and providing responsible stewardship of the Willamette River corridor and Springfield’s natural resources.

“The GRP is an outstanding example of a comprehensive planning process that establishes an achievable vision for the future,” said W. Shedrick Coleman, 2015 APA Awards Jury chair. “By providing clear objectives, policies and implementation actions, the GRP supports and facilitates the redevelopment of Glenwood into an attractive place to live, work and visit.”

As a result of integrating street corridor studies, infrastructure planning, bridge replacement, interchange design, business relocation, and tax increment financing into the planning process, Glenwood has experienced a number of positive developments, including: multi-million dollar

medical facility; construction of a new hotel; hospitality, commercial and workforce housing development proposals; and exploration of a public-private partnership opportunity for a riverfront conference center.

“We are proud to be acknowledged for our efforts with the GRP,” said City Manager Gino Grimaldi “The vision of the GRP matched the community’s desire that Glenwood continue to have a distinct identity, taking advantage of its existing strengths and seizing opportunities for an evocative urban center with a lasting legacy.”

The Glenwood Refinement Plan and additional APA award winners will be honored at the 2015 National Planning Awards luncheon April 20, 2015, at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, Washington. The plan will also be featured in the April 2015 issue of *Planning* magazine.

For more details on Glenwood’s recognition, visit www.planning.org/awards/2015/economic/
For a list of all of the APA 2015 National Planning Excellence and Achievement Award recipients, visit www.planning.org/awards.