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PURPOSE:

This program honors development projects in the Lower Cape Fear Region that demonstrate outstanding environmental stewardship through the protection, conservation, improvement, and awareness of our natural resources.

THREE LEVELS OF DISTINCTION:

Outstanding Stewardship is the highest level of distinction available in the Stewardship Development Program. This honor is only bestowed on projects that have achieved high marks in all applicable criteria. The project must be sufficiently complete and demonstrate accomplishment or financial commitment to accomplishment of project goals to receive Outstanding Stewardship status.

Significant Achievement is the next level of achievement. A project may not be eligible for Outstanding Stewardship for a variety of reasons. This is based on 1) level of project completion or 2) accomplishment of applicable criteria. If a project falls short on one or more criteria, the Selection Committee may elect to spotlight specific aspects of a project with a Significant Achievement Award.

Special Recognition shall be awarded if a project does not qualify for the Outstanding Stewardship or Significant Achievement Distinction, but the project does have an element that the judges find to merit recognition for those characteristics. Projects that have an approved site plan but construction has yet to commence would fall under this level of award.

SELECTION:

An independent Selection Committee, made up of recognized experts in the fields appropriate to the criteria, will review applications and conduct site visits. The sponsoring agencies (see interior panel) appoint professionals to serve as members of this independent Selection Committee.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Project must be located in Brunswick, New Hanover, or Pender Counties.
2. Project must be in compliance with, or exceed all applicable local, state and federal regulations.
3. Participating Developer/Owner must allow visits to site by the Selection Committee and provide additional information as requested for evaluating the project.
4. If a project is awarded, it is subject to future periodic evaluation by the Selection Committee.
5. The Selection Committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to revoke recognition for failure to comply with program requirements or criteria.

APPLICATIONS:

July 31—Application Deadline
August—September—Project Presentations
October—Project Determinations
November—Awards Banquet / Recognition

Visit www.stewardshipdev.com for additional application information.

CRITERIA:

Applications are judged on the overall creativity, design and environmental impacts of projects. Primary emphasis is placed on the following criteria:

- 1) Site Inventory & Development Plan
- 2) Water Quality Protection
- 3) Green Building
- 4) Wetland Riparian Preservation / Restoration
- 5) Habitat Protection/Improvement
- 6) Vegetation Protection/Enhancement
- 7) Natural Project Amenities
- 8) Long-term Management & Maintenance
- 9) Community Outreach/Education
- 10) Re-use/Revitalization of Existing Site

Download a detailed explanation of these criteria from www.stewardshipdev.com.

RECOGNITION:

Stewardship Development honorees receive promotion through:

- 1) Acceptance into awards program
- 2) Exposure through releases and related literature
- 3) Awards banquet
- 4) Display of approved Stewardship Development signage on site (Outstanding Stewardship status only)*
- 5) Use of Stewardship Development logo in promotional materials for the site or project (Outstanding Stewardship status only)*

*Significant Achievement/ Special Recognition awardees can only use their designation in marketing text (use of the Stewardship Development logo is not permitted).