

DESIGN COLLECTIVE RECEIVED TWO AIA MARYLAND AWARDS

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Baltimore, Maryland—The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) has recognized Design Collective, Inc., one of the area's premier architecture, interior architecture and planning firms, with their highest honor for the Columbia Town Center master plan. One of only 17 out of 160 international submissions to receive the Charter Award, the project was chosen for how well it embodies and advances the principles of new urbanism.

Originally one of the country's first planned communities of the 1960's, Design Collective has developed a comprehensive plan to move downtown Columbia away from the model suburban community to a more walkable, urban environment. The master plan, developed in an 8-day charrette with over 1,000 participants, calls for higher densities, small walkable blocks, and a series of urban squares and plazas that will include 5500 new residential units, 5.2 million square feet of new office space, 750,000 square feet of new retail and restaurants, two hotels and several new civic and cultural buildings.

"Design Collective is honored to receive such a prestigious award that recognizes our efforts to strengthen the community by developing a more vibrant, mixed-used, urban environment," said Matt D'Amico, principal at Design Collective.

The awards were given out Friday, June 2, during the Fourteenth Congress for the New Urbanism in Providence, RI.

ABOUT DESIGN COLLECTIVE, INC.:

Design Collective is an award-winning multi-disciplinary design firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, with a branch office in Durham, North Carolina. Founded in 1978, the firm provides innovative solutions nationally and internationally in architecture, planning, landscape architecture, and interior architecture. For additional information, please visit www.designcollective.com.