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Community Maritime Park a finalist for 2016 Award of Excellence

The Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit research and education organization has selected the Vince Whibbs Community Maritime Park as one of three finalists for the North Florida 2016 Awards of Excellence.

The Awards for Excellence Program is intended to be the centerpiece of ULI's efforts in North Florida to identify and promote best practices in all types of real estate development. The awards recognize the full development process of a project: planning, construction, economic viability and management as well as design. Steve Dana of Jerry Pate Design nominated the Community Maritime Park in the Open Space category. Jerry Pate Design was one of the owner's representatives on the Maritime Park Project. The Community Maritime Park is the first-ever finalist from Pensacola and North West Florida.

The awards are competitively based and open to real estate developments and programs from around North Florida. Qualified submissions will be reviewed by a panel of independent judges from the local and national development community. The awards banquet is scheduled for October 11, at John's Cathedral in Jacksonville, FL.

The Open Space category comprises of the following:

- The project must be predominantly outdoors and inviting to the public.
- The project must be a lively gathering place, providing abundant and varied seating, sun and shade, and trees and plantings, with attractions and features that offer many different ways for visitors to enjoy the space.
- The project must be used intensively on a daily basis and act as a destination for a broad spectrum of users throughout the year.
- The project must have a positive economic impact on its surroundings.
- The project must promote the physical, social, and economic health of the larger community.
- The project must provide lessons, strategies, and techniques that can be used or adapted in other communities.

About the Urban Land Institute

The Urban Land Institute is a national organization out of Washington D.C. whose mission is to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide. ULI is an independent global nonprofit supported by members representing the entire spectrum of real estate development and land use disciplines. ULI today has nearly 40,000 members worldwide, representing the entire spectrum of the land use and development disciplines in private enterprise and public service—leading property owners, investors, developers, service firms, planners, public officials, and academics.

The ULI North Florida District Council was formed in 2005 and has over 500 members. ULI North Florida is one of the newest and fastest growing District Councils in the country offering its members numerous programs and events focused on industry-related topics including infrastructure, sustainability, emerging trends, and more. Our District Council serves 34 counties from Flagler to Escambia, including Gainesville, Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Tallahassee, Panama City, and Pensacola.

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