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The **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department** has received an **Award of Excellence** for the [Elizabeth Area Plan](#) from the American Planning Association (APA), County Planning Division and its sister organization, the National Association of County Planners. The award is in the category of Small Area/Special Area Planning. Only one Award of Excellence is given each year in this category.

The *Elizabeth Area Plan* was developed over an 18-month period and included a thorough analysis of the opportunities, challenges, goals, and vision for the community. It provides succinct direction for land use, transportation, community design, infrastructure and public facilities, and environmental policies through the use of text, maps, and graphics. A stakeholder group was integral in the development of the plan document and provided thorough review and comment on the draft plan. Their comments were addressed by staff in the final document, adopted by the Charlotte City Council on November 14, 2011.

The award will be presented on April 15, 2012 at the APA National Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

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