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TEMPLE TERRACE WINS TWO COMMUNITY DESIGN AWARDS

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (4/26/11) – The City of Temple Terrace has been honored with two *Community Design Awards* from the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission.

The awards were announced April 21 during a banquet at Maestro's at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa.

This year marked the 29th anniversary of the Planning Commission awards. The awards program invites submissions from planners, architects, builders, developers, residents, community groups, local governments and others that provide examples of sound planning and good design in Hillsborough County. This year there were more than 40 entries, with 18 awards issued, planning officials said.

Temple Terrace's *River Watch Task Force* was honored with a prestigious Executive Director's Award for its work in preserving the health and beauty of the Hillsborough River, along with its commitment to encouraging public participation in protecting and policing the waterway.

The task force was formed in 2007 to give our City a larger voice in the conservation, protection and utilization of the Hillsborough River. In 2008, the City Council designated the task force as a permanent five-member board.

The City also was presented an Award of Outstanding Contribution to the Community for its *Multimodal District & Design Guidelines*. Temple Terrace is the first city in Florida to designate the entire community as Multimodal Transportation District. That means easier connectivity for pedestrians, bicyclists and those using scooters, shuttles or other means of transportation.

Judge Mary Kay Peck said "the City of Temple Terrace acted as a champion" with its innovative work in developing sidewalks, bike paths and multiuse trails in an effort to reduce our reliance on automobiles and encourage more environment friendly transportation. The award was presented to the City in partnership with PBS&J and Jacobs.

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