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## **Greater Dallas Planning Council Wins 2017 CLIDE Award**

**Hurst, Texas, June 16, 2017** — Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager of Fort Worth, presented the Greater Dallas Planning Council with a 2017 CLIDE Award at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) General Assembly. A nationally recognized jury of experts in the fields of architecture, urban planning, and development chose the distinguished awardees of the Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Award. The Projects chosen by the jurors are identified as ones that greatly demonstrate one or more of the Principles of Development Excellence: Development Diversity, Pedestrian Design, Housing Choice, Activity Centers, Environmental Stewardship, Quality Places, Efficient Mobility Options, Resource Efficiency, Educational Opportunity, Healthy Communities, and Implementation. The Center of Development Excellence recommends these principles as a guide to cities, counties, school districts, other public agencies, and the private sector as they plan and create future development and redevelopment in the region.

*“We are very proud to receive this award,” said Carmen Garcia, GDPC president, “and to be recognized for our efforts in raising public awareness related to issues shaping regional growth. GDPC’s mission is to shape, promote, and advocate a creative, sustainable future for the Dallas region.”* W. Brian Keith, AIA AICP, LEED AP, executive board member of GDPC added, *“based on the mission, sustainability is the ‘lens’ through which the efforts and activities of the Board, Leadership Team and Task Forces are focused. Achievement of the mission requires active engagement in identifying, researching/analyzing and evaluating public policy issues that impact North Texas region.”*

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The winners were chosen from among 21 applications with outstanding projects and programs from the North Central Texas region. The CLIDE award program was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices that will help accommodate for an explosive growth. North Central Texas is predicted to add around 4.1 million new residents by the year 2040, growing to over 10.8 million people. Innovative projects will help to ensure a sustainable growth for generations to come.

The award ceremony was held at the Hurst Conference Center. This annual meeting brings together local elected officials, government professionals from across the region, legislators representing North Central Texas, NCTCOG's past presidents, board members, and committee members; state and federal agency representatives; and other special guests.

**About GDPC**

The Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC), founded in 1946, is the oldest Dallas area civic organization that focuses on issues shaping regional growth. The members of the GDPC address a range of issues from a broad range of community and professional perspectives. The GDPC's membership is comprised of a group of successful professionals from architect design firms, planning consultants, construction and engineering firms, developers, real estate industry leaders, community and civic organizations, corporations and municipal entities. The GDPC membership also includes elected or appointed officials. The GDPC members evaluate local and regional policies in order to promote the long-term sustainability of the City of Dallas and surrounding region. To find out more about GDPC visit <http://www.gdpc.org>.

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