

Public Service 2002-2014 Awards

A program that recognizes those individuals or groups who have enhanced the built environment, educated the public, or supported the architectural profession. The Public Service Award acknowledges the impact that an individual or group can have on the design process.

2014 Awards

Robert Casey, Habitat New Haven

Bill Casey, Executive Director, Greater New Haven Habitat for Humanity, for his dedicated, sustained efforts over time and leadership in stabilizing living conditions and property values and providing a sense of community in marginal sections of the city. He has brought together urban and suburban residents, public and private institutions, tiny donations from school children and thousands of hours of hard work to permanently change the lives of well over 80 families. Currently the organization is developing the north section of the Hill Neighborhood and work is underway to redevelop the areas around Yale University on George and Sherman Avenues.

Brian Murphy, Town of Manchester

Brian Murphy, the chairman of the Permanent Building Committee for the Town of Manchester. For over 25 years, Brian has served on the committee and has led the town through challenging public school and building projects totaling over \$100 million. Both a lawyer and engineer by training, he has provided leadership and guidance in the full range of selection committees for architecture, engineering, construction management, and commissioning, resulting in the selection of the most qualified firms for each project. The success of Manchester's capital projects is directly attributable to Brian's technical knowledge, dedication, and leadership.

2013 Awards

Mayor Bill Finch of Bridgeport, CT

Mayor Bill Finch has been selected because of his leadership in many green initiatives, particularly the expansion and enhancement of the city parks, his support of the several new schools that have been built in Bridgeport, and his focus on transit oriented development and the revitalization of the City's downtown. His efforts have resulted in population growth for the city for the first time in 60 years, and in 2011 the Institute designated Bridgeport as a City of Opportunity.

Bruce Bockstael, FAIA

Bruce Bockstael, FAIA is known to most of our members as an architect and a Fellow of the Institute. The Public Service Award began as an award for non-architects, and normally

excludes architects as candidates for this award. In Bruce's case, the Design committee felt that an exception was warranted, as in his long time capacity as chief architect for state and as a non-practicing architect, Bruce fulfilled all of the requirements of the award: he has served as an advocate for the public at large and for the profession, was instrumental in establishing merit as the basis for selection of architects for state work, guided myriad state building projects, and served the profession through organizing or participating in innumerable programs for the betterment of his fellow professionals in the state. The overarching theme of Bruce's career has been his ability to represent architects and architecture in the most favorable way and to make sure that the public enjoys the best fruits of both.

2011 Award

William F. Brennan, first Selectman for the Town of Wilton

During his tenure, Mr. Brennan has initiated and managed many significant projects in Wilton that have enhanced the built environment of the community. He has skillfully guided some extremely challenging projects by building and supporting teams of professionals, including local architects, generating public and private partnerships for funding, and consistently keeping citizens informed and educated about the nature, schedule, and benefits of each projects.

2008 Award

David K. Leff, Author and former Deputy Commissioner with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

A freelance writer, David is the author of *The Last Undiscovered Place*, published by the University of Virginia Press in 2004, which deals with the relationship of people to their community and landscape and which was a Connecticut Book Award finalist. His essays and fiction have appeared in newspapers and magazines, and a second book, *Deep Travel*, about traveling close to home, will be published by the University of Iowa Press early in 2009. He is a member of the Hartford Courant Place Board of Contributors and a columnist for Imprint Newspapers. Leff was a Deputy Commissioner with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection from 1995 until his retirement in 2006. He was principally responsible for conservation programs including parks, forests, fisheries and wildlife. His primary concerns are preservation of open space and protection of sensitive and unusual natural habitats. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association and Audubon Connecticut. David has received a number of professional awards including the 2006 Olmsted Award from the Connecticut Chapter of the

American Society of Landscape Architects and the Rockfall Foundation's 2006 Certificate of Honor. In Collinsville, he is chairman of the town's Historic District Commission and has been a volunteer firefighter for over twenty years. Additionally, he is a maple sugar maker and has served on the board of directors of the Connecticut Maple Syrup Producers Association!

2006 Award

Canton Advocates for Responsible Expansion, Inc. (C.A.R.E)

This grass roots organization was formed in 2000 by residents determined that Canton's booming development would not result in loss of the town's individuality. Their mission, "to encourage responsible economic development in Canton, while protecting its character, identity and quality of life," and its accomplishments in that light, demonstrate successfully two aspects of the AIA Connecticut Public Service Award: they both educate the public and enhance the built environment. Coincidentally, they dovetail with the 2007 AIA Connecticut initiative to celebrate the national organization's 150th anniversary: a fall symposium on Transportation Oriented Development (TOD), exemplifying local, successful solutions to the transportation related problems that are now afflicting our Connecticut towns.

2005 Award

Thomas H. Rogér, Vice President and Project Executive for Gilbane Building Company

For his service as Project Director for Kids First, a 15 year, \$1.4 billion program for the complete reconstruction and renovation of New Haven Public Schools. Tom has more than 36 years of experience in construction management of large building projects: prior to being a part of the New Haven program, he was the Program Director in charge of the complex, public-private partnership of the Learning Corridor project in Hartford that involved Trinity College, Hartford Hospital, the City of Hartford and the State of Connecticut. In recognition of his service as a co-founder of Families of September 11, Inc., Tom currently serves on the Board of Directors of the World Trade Center Memorial Foundation.

2004 Award

Jeffrey W. Anderson, Director of the Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme

Selected for his commitment to architectural excellence and exemplary stewardship of his museum. Mr. Anderson has consistently sought architectural excellence in his effort to educate the public in tangible ways about the artists who worked at Miss Griswold's house

at the turn of the twentieth century. In his 28 years as director, Mr. Anderson has researched historical documents, photographs, films, and drawings of the grounds and sponsored archeological digs to unearth the location of original gardens and outbuildings and find the site of Childe Hassam's painting studio. The information gained from this research enabled him to develop a historic plan of the property as an artists' colony and in consequence, a new physical master plan in order to welcome contemporary visitors and interpret the buildings and ground for them. Some of the architectural projects that Anderson has commissioned to fulfill the new master plan are: the reconstruction of impressionist painter William Chadwick's studio; the creation of a new maintenance compound, the commission of the design and reconstruction of the of the property's original outbuildings to house educational functions, the commission of the design and construction of the Kriebler Gallery, a new visitors center and gallery space that has won two national design awards. Currently he is restoring the Florence Griswold house with help from a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The award to Mr. Anderson complements recognition of his work this earlier this year when the Museum received the Annual Governor's Arts Award for Artistic Achievement in Tourism.

2003 Awards

John Shannahan, formerly the Director of the Connecticut Historic Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer for Connecticut

Nominated by 18 AIA Connecticut members, Jack Shannahan has been called Connecticut's Preservation Steward. For 34 years, He has tirelessly and with great distinction served the ongoing effort to preserve historic properties for the state of Connecticut and has been responsible for the introduction of at least one National Register Historic District in every Connecticut town. The resulting broad distribution of National Register listed resources has brought every corner of our state an awareness of the historical importance of its built environment. In addition to numerous preservation efforts, Shannahan was responsible for many other initiatives: state restoration grants in aid, flexibility in the state building code, protection of historic properties, rehabilitation tax credits for state historic homes, the protection of archeological resources.

Jay Vlock and Linda Kantor

Linda Kantor and Jay Vlock were recognized for their tireless work in organizing and implementing innovative and groundbreaking elderly housing projects in the city of New Haven during the past 33 years. Kantor and Vlock conceived of and co-chaired the building committee for both Tower One and Tower East, low income elderly housing projects sponsored by the New Haven Jewish Federation Housing Corporation. Their vision was to bring world-class architecture to the City of New Haven for these HUD funded projects with

extremely tight budgets, the design for which was done by Charles Moore, then Dean of the Yale School of Architecture. For Tower East, Moore collaborated with Herbert Newman, FAIA. Kantor and also developed an elderly housing facility for the New Haven Hispanic community, Casa Otenal, a vibrant example of community development and neighborhood revitalization designed by Cesar Pelli, and Kantor invested her own money in a community center for Hispanic elderly, Casa Linda, designed by Johnson and Michaelson Architects.

2002 Awards

Theodore R. (Ted) Anson, Commissioner of the Connecticut State Department of Public Works

Commissioner Anson was selected because of his undertaking and succeeding in accomplishing the impossible task of transcending the status quo in a bureaucracy. Through his careful analysis and research into effective business practices, a restructured DPW has brought about a proliferation of assignments to Connecticut architectural firms, with selection based on an objective standards; acceleration of schedules so that there are few delays in the design process; and the establishment of the department as a respected leader within the State agencies on issues on the environment and energy.

Matthew B. Woods, Chairman, Permanent School Facilities Building Committee for the City of Milford

Matthew B. Woods is the selfless, persevering, tireless embodiment of the heart and soul of volunteerism. Now entering his 16th year as Chairman of the Permanent School Facilities Building Committee, which has oversight of all of Milford's capital educational projects and programs, Matthew has been responsible for over 50 projects and has enabled the City to meet its goal of maintaining and improving educational facilities for the 21st century. He is enhanced the built environment by requesting sufficient funds for architectural works that have changed the face of Milford's "industrial" looking school buildings, and he has educated the public on the benefits of well-crafted and designed school facilities.