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## PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### RE: 2006 PLANNING AND DESIGN AWARDS

Dear Friends,

On Thursday, April 27, 2006, the **Hunterdon County Planning Board** recognized outstanding planning accomplishments in Hunterdon County at the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Planning and Design Award Dinner**. This prestigious event was held at Razberry's Banquet and Conference Center. The evening opened with congratulatory comments from Senator Leonard Lance. Nominees, their guests, County Freeholders, officials, and staff enjoyed a lively social hour, followed by dinner. The award ceremony began with a virtual tour of the nominated projects, narrated by Senior Planner, Leilani Hershey. Planning Board Chair Kenneth Johnson presented the awards to this year's winners. In addition to the Planning Board Award, all award winners received citations of recognition from Senator Leonard Lance and Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow.

Municipal bodies, organizations and/or individuals nominated several projects in the County. By recognizing outstanding plans and projects each year, the Planning Board strives to create an awareness of good planning and encourage others to undertake projects of similar quality.

This year's nominees represented a diverse mixture of land uses and design. Please join us in recognizing the efforts of our winners:

**Hermia Lechner Award** - For exceptional planning efforts that promote the conservation of natural resources; may include ordinances, environmental programs, open space plans or other projects that protect the natural environment.

**Project:** *East Amwell Sourland Mountain Master Plan*

**Description:** A Master Plan and Enabling Ordinances to promote conservation and preservation of open spaces and recognize the strategies needed to protect natural resources, protect wildlife habitat, and the critical water resources within largest contiguous forested region in the Central New Jersey area.

**Recipient:** East Amwell Township Planning Board  
Planning Consultant, Banisch Associates, Flemington  
Hydrogeologist, Demicco & Associates, Pittstown

**Rehabilitated/Adaptive Use** - Includes projects/buildings that have been successfully rehabilitated and have maintained their original quality and integrity.

**Project:** *Fox and Hound Tavern – Lebanon Borough*

**Description:** Restoration of an historic cultural gathering place that renews a sense of community in the Victorian Hamlet of Lebanon Borough.

**Recipient:** George Owen & Tom Stiner, Managing Partners, of Lebanon, NJ

**Donald B. Jones** - For completed projects that significantly contribute to the preservation of the county's historical or rural heritage.

**Project:** *Unity Bank – Flemington Borough*

**Recipients:** Pickell Architecture, Flemington  
Princeton Construction Group  
Unity Bank

**Description:** Complete restoration of the Central Railroad of NJ passenger terminal adapted to commercial bank use, integrated with surrounding business activity.

**Residential Land Use** - Includes both single family and multi-family residential communities.

**Project:** *Herman E. Kapp Senior Residence – Flemington Borough*

**Description:** A 60-unit senior housing residential community that compliments and enhances the Borough with a architecturally harmonious façade and a design that places urban facilities and utilities out of view. The structure creates a sense of community for the residents with a sheltered area for outdoor gathering and an extended patio.

**Recipient:** Hunterdon County Housing Corp, Flemington  
Pennrose Properties LLC, Philadelphia

Planning Board Chairman Kenneth Johnson indicated that there were nominees this year that did not meet the technical requirements of the program and the Board plans to revisit the award categories and requirements for next year. If you would like additional information about the Planning Board Awards Program, please contact this Office, 908.788.1490.