

Distinguished Leadership Award for an Appointed Public Official

This award recognizes an appointed city, town, county or state public official who has made significant, positive contributions to and/or demonstrated a strong support of planning in Alabama. Nominations may be submitted for any non-elected public official, who is not a professional planner.

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Michael K. West
City of Dothan, Alabama

Nominated by Tim Brown



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Support for planning:

- Created and staffed the new Planning and Development Department
- Supported revising the City's 30 year old zoning ordinance
- Encouraged training for Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Adjustment members
- Advocated for planning concepts such as growth boundaries and sustainability;
- Promoted a Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan for the City
- Instigated a Downtown Master Plan,
- Supported the development of an Overlay District in downtown,
- Supported the creation of a Long Range Development Plan for the City
- Instituted an annual Strategic Planning Process for the City and
- Created Dothan 101, a program that instructs citizens on how their government operates, including an overview of the City's planning program.



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