

Envision Central Texas Presents Seven 2012 Community Stewardship Awards



From left: Karen Ford, HCA Board Member; Ira Yates, HCA Board Member; Christy Muse, HCA Executive Director; Hutto Mayor Debbie Holland, David Baker, HCA Board Member; Carole Belver, ECT Executive Committee Member

(AUSTIN) – The six recipients of the 2012 Envision Central Texas (ECT) Community Stewardship Awards were announced at a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Austin on Friday, May 11. The Community Stewardship Award Recipients included: *new development* – **M-Station Apartments** - Foundation Communities and Bailey Elliott Construction Inc., Austin; *redevelopment* – **Barton Word Building** - Barton Homestead Place Partnership, Kyle; *Public Planning and Policy* – **Downtown Austin Plan** - City of Austin; *Innovation* – **Austin Habitat for Humanity ReStore** - Austin Habitat for Humanity, Austin; *Raising Public Awareness* – **I'm for the Hill Country Campaign** – Hill Country Alliance, Bee Cave, and; *Natural Infrastructure* – **Spring Lake Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration**, Texas State University, San Marcos.

The Keynote Speaker for the 2012 ECT Community Stewardship Awards was David Kooris vice president of the Regional Plan Association in New York.

In order for the awards to be judged impartially ECT recruited some of the country's leading experts in planning, transportation and green space and to be jurors. Their decisions were based on how the projects exemplified or reflected some or all of the seven elements of the Envision Central Texas Vision as well how the project impacted the community in which it occurred.

About Envision Central Texas

Central Texas will add more than a million people over the next 20 to 40 years. Envision Central Texas, a regional non-profit planning organization, was created in 2001 to lead and implement the two-year public development of a regional Vision to address this rapid growth.

Our Mission: Envision Central Texas serves as a catalyst for regional cooperation and planning in order to realize a common Vision for Central Texas which preserves and enhances our natural resources, economic vitality, social equity and overall quality of living.

Our Goal: We must improve how we grow in order to sustain our region's quality of life and competitiveness. The focus of ECT is on what, where and when we build, and how that impacts natural resources and mobility.

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