



City of Naperville
Awards and Recognitions
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- AAA Pedestrian Protection Award
- Alarms.org Safest Cities in America List (2017 – No. 41)
- Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) City outside of Chicago with largest number of drunken driving arrests (2005)
- America in Bloom Award
- America’s 50 Best Cities to Live List – 24/7 Wall Street (2014 – No.19; 2017 – No. 7)
- American Association for State and Local History – Award of Merit (2010)
- American Association of Museums – Accreditation
- American Cities of the Future – Top 10 Small Cities Quality of Life (ranked first) (2011)
- American Cities of the Future – Top 10 Small Cities Human Resources (ranked seventh) (2011)
- American City Business Journals – No. 1 City (with 100,000+ population) in America with the Least Socioeconomic Stress
- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Illinois Transportation Honor Award – Test Track
- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Illinois Structural Systems Special Achievement Award – Main Street Bridge
- American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois Special Achievement Award – Engineering Excellence for the Indian Hill Substation (2005)
- American Cultural Resources Association – Naper Settlement - ACRA Quality Product Award, Large Project (2008)
- American Inhouse Design Award – Naper Settlement (2007)

- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter – Naper Settlement – Making Great Communities Happen Best Practice Award (2011)
- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter - Impediments to Fair Housing Report - Best Practice Award (2009)
- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter – Naperville Historic Preservation Initiative - Best Practice Award (2011)
- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter –Naperville Pedestrian Gap Analysis - Best Practice Award (2010)
- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter –Ogden Avenue Corridor Enhancement Initiative – Strategic Plan Award (2009)
- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter –Toolkit for Successful Redevelopment – Silver Award (2007)
- American Planning Association, Illinois Chapter – Your Place – Gold Award (2008)
- American Public Power Association’s (APPA) E.F. Scattergood System Achievement Award (2011)
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Accredited Public Works
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, 2012 Project of the Year, Transportation \$25-\$75 Million – Intersection of 75th Street and Washington Street & the 75th Street Bridge over the DuPage River
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Fox Valley Branch Chapter, 2011 Project of the Year, Structures Less Than \$5 Million – Jefferson Avenue Bridge Project
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, 2011 Project of the Year, Structures Less Than \$5 Million – Jefferson Avenue Bridge Project
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, 2009 Project of the Year, Structures Less Than \$5 Million – Bailey Road Bridge Project
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metropolitan Chapter, Project of the Year – 95th Street Road Construction Project
- American Public Works Association (APWA) Award for Disaster Response and Management Innovation

- American Public Works Association Snowplow Roadeo Competition – 2nd Place (2014), 3rd Place (2010)
- American Society of Civil Engineering, Illinois Section, Outstanding Project Award – Main Street Bridge
- America’s Safest Cities for Young Drivers Award, Driving Tests – No. 16 (2021)
- Apartment List Rentonomics [The 100 Best Cities for Young Families](#) - Third Place (2014)
- Apartment List Rentonomics The 100 Best Cities for Families – Fifth Place (2017)
- Arbor Day Foundation Growth Award (20 years)
- Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA Certified Community (29 years)
- ASE Blue Seal Award to Fleet Services
- Best City to Raise a Family in America (No. 1) – Niche.com (2018, 2020)
- Best Cities to Live In (No. 2) – Niche.com (2017)
- Best Cities to Live in Every State - 24/7 Wall St. - (No. 1 in Illinois, 2018)
- Best Cities to Raise Kids in the U.S. (No. 14) – (2017) – Alarms.org
- “Best Places to Live” Listing by Money Magazine – (2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016) (No. 10 in 2016) (No. 45 in 2021)
- Best Places to Visit (No. 3) – Livability (2018)
- Best Place for Early Retirement by Kiplinger (2013)
- Better Business Town from Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois (2021)
- Center for Digital Government – Naperville website ranked tenth in the nation (2004)
- Central States Water Environment Association, Inc. – George Burke Safety Award (2005)
- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, GFOA (20+ years)
- Chaddick Institute Annual Development Award – Tenant Buildout Process

- Chaddick Institute Municipal Development Award – City’s Teardown/Infill Management Process (2012)
- Chaddick Institute Municipal Development Control Award (Runner-Up)
- Chicago’s 101 Best Places to Work, Naperville Public Library
- Chicago Building Congress – Public Works Service Center, Merit Award (2010)
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Photo Contest – Northeast Wisconsin Photo Contest – Community Vitality Category (2009)
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Photo Contest (2nd Place)
- Cities with the Best Public Schools in America – Niche.com (No. 1) (2020)
- Civic Federation’s Urban Innovation Award
- Conservation Foundation – Clean Water for the DuPage River Basin (2008 and 2006)
- Conservation Foundation – Sustainable Development Award, Naper Settlement (2012)
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, GFOA (20+ years, most recently 2021)
- DuPage Clean River Award
- DuPage Family Shelter “Public Safety Partner” (2005)
- DuPage River Trail 1 – Chicago Area Transportation Study – Soles and Spokes Award for Excellence – Honorable Mention
- Governor’s Sustainability Award (2016)
- Governor’s Sustainability Award – Home Energy Savings Program (2011)
- Health at Work Award Gold Recipient (2007)
- Health at Work Award Silver Recipient (2006, 2009, 2010)
- Hennen’s America Public Library Ratings – No. 1 Public Library in the U.S. – Population 100,000-250,000 (10 years)

- Hermes Creative Awards – Naper Settlement, Platinum Winner (2008), Gold Winner (2008)
- Home Computing Magazine – 4th best City in U.S. for home-based business
- IEPA Certificate of Excellence Award in Wastewater Safety Programs (15 years)
- Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Management Award
- Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police - Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge, 1st Place (2004, 2009, 2011, 2014), 2nd Place (2006, 2007, 2008, 2011), 2nd Place Championship Class (2010), 3rd Place Championship Class (2005), Judges' Award (2010, 2011)
- Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police - National Law Enforcement Challenge - 1st Place (2011)
- Illinois Association of Museums – Naper Settlement Superior Achievement Awards (2004, 2010, 2011), Awards of Excellence (2005, 2008), Awards of Merit (2005, 2008)
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency Re-accreditation (2011)
- Illinois Environmental Hall of Fame – Communities and Utilities, Wind Energy Category
- Illinois Institute for Local Government Law Litigation Award (2013)
- Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Gold Award for Landscaping (2 years)
- Illinois Meetings & Events Magazine – Naper Settlement – One of the top three historic venues located in the Chicagoland area (2012)
- Illinois Policy Institute Award for Transparency (2013)
- Illinois Recycling Association Award – Outstanding Government Leadership Award
- Illinois State Historical Society – Award of Superior Achievement (2005, 2007, 2008), Certificate of Excellence (2005, 2007, 2008), Certificate of Merit (2008)
- Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge – 2nd Place (2007)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Public Agency Council Achievement Award – SIM Naperville
- International Association of Chiefs of Police – National Law Enforcement Challenge – 1st Place (2009), Second Place (2006), Second Place Champion Class (2010), Second Place 101-200 sworn officers (2007, 2008), Third Place (2005)

- International Association of Chiefs of Police – Traffic Safety Initiatives ranked No. 1 in the world
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Webber Seavey Award for Innovation in Policing, Semi-finalist (2005)
- Internationally Accredited “Legacy” Agency through the Center for Public Safety Excellence – Naperville Fire Department
- Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District Award of Excellence – Naper Settlement Conservation of Land and Water Resource (2012)
- Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois – Martin Mitchell Mansion and Carriage House Restoration (2004)
- League of American Bicyclists: Bicycle Friendly Community – Bronze Award ([2015](#))
- Library Journal Five-Star Library (three years)
- Lifehacker – Fourth Safety City for Drivers (this was included in a story on the Most Dangerous U.S. Cities for Drivers) (2016)
- Livability.com Top 100 Best Places to Live 2017 (ranked #37)
- Livability.com Top 10 Best Cities for Families (2015 – ranked #7)
- Making a Difference Award (2006)
- MarCom Awards – City of Naperville website, Gold Award (2016)
- MarCom Awards – Naper Settlement, Platinum (2006, 2008), Gold Award (2005, 2006, 2009, 2010), Silver Award (2006)
- Midwest Construction Transportation Award of Merit – Test Track (2006)
- Most Educated Cities: Consumers Advocate.org – No. 3 (2018)
- Movoto [10 Best Mid-Sized Cities for Education in America](#) - No. 3 (2015)
- Movoto [10 Best Places for Families in Illinois](#) - No. 3 (2014)
- Movoto [10 Safest Mid-Sized Cities in America](#) - No. 4 (2013)

- Movoto [Best Mid-Sized Cities To Move To](#) - No. 9 (2013)
- Naperville Area Clean Community Award
- Naperville Jaycees Distinguished Service Award to Mayor A. George Pradel and Finance Director Karen DeAngelis (2013)
- National Association of Telecommunicators Officers & Advisors Public Interest Defense Award
- National Fire Protection Association “Safe Community” Award (2009, 2010, 2011)
- National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Innovation Award (2006)
- National Institute of Governmental Purchasing Pareto Award of Excellence in Public Procurement
- National Law Enforcement Challenge – 1st Place (2009, 2011), 2nd Place (2007, 2008), 2nd Place Championship Class (2010), 3rd Place (2006)
- National Purchasing Institute - Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award (13 years)
- National Weather Service – Storm Ready Community
- Nationally Accredited Emergency 9-1-1 Center – Recognized as a “Flagship Agency” (2007)
- Nationally Accredited Fire Department
- Nationally Accredited Police Department – Recognized as a “Flagship Agency” (2009)
- Nationally Accredited Public Works Department
- North American Fleet Academy (NAFA) Institute “100 Best Fleets” organization (2016) – No. 78
- One of the top mid-sized cities in America to move to by Movato (2013) (No. 9 on list)
- Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement Award – NIGP (12 years)
- Parenting.com Top 100 Safest Cities in America - [No. 8](#) (2014)
- President’s Volunteer Service awards for Naperville volunteers

- Protect America: National Burglary Safezone - Small City Edition - [No. 1](#) (2015)
- Publicity Club of Chicago – Naper Settlement – Golden Trumpet Award (2009), Silver Trumpet Award (2007, 2011), Certificate of Excellence (2006)
- Rosemary Martin Democracy in Action Award for Naperville Citizens Academy (2011)
- Safest Cities to Raise a Child (No. 19) (2016) – [Safewise](#)
- Safest City for Women in America (No. 1 city) (2014)
- Safest City (No. 1) – (2015, 2016 and 2017) – Niche.com
- Safest Cities in America (No.6 in 2016, No. 5 in 2018) – SmartAsset.com
- Safest City in America (No. 1) – (2017) – Homes.com
- Safest College Towns in the Nation (No. 12) (2018) – Safewise
- Solsmart silver designation (2019)
- State of Illinois Environmental Hero Award (2005)
- Sunshine Review Award for Government Transparency (2013)
- Ten Best Communities in Illinois to Raise a Family (No. 3) (2014)
- The Safest Cities in America list (No. 4) – 24/7 Wall St. (2014)
- “Top Earning Towns” Listing by Money Magazine (2012, 2014)
- Top Cities Where Millennials are Buying Homes (No. 12) – SmartAsset (2019)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Diabetes Ten City Challenge – Certificate of Appreciation (2007)
- U.S. Green Building Council – Chicago Chapter – Natural Leaders – Environmotion Award (2006)
- U.S. Green Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification – Public Works Service Center (2008)
- United Charities Family Service DuPage Gold Leaf Award for Leadership & Excellence in Advocating for Families

- United Way Campaign Award
- Universal Public Procurement Certification Council Sterling Award (2006-2012)
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- Victorian Society of America – Martin Mitchell Mansion Restoration (2005)
- Well Workplace Award, Well City USA
- Zippia Most Successful Cities in the USA – No. 3 (2016)