



## AUTUMN HALL<sup>SM</sup>

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### **Autumn Hall Developer Earns Award from the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association**

*Raiford Trask Named 2008 Citizen Planner for leadership in  
environmental stewardship and creating a “walkable” community*

Wilmington, North Carolina – Raiford Trask, lead developer of Autumn Hall, a the new mixed-use community in Wilmington, has won the 2008 Marvin Collins Distinguished Leadership Award in the Citizen Planner category, presented by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA). The award recognizes nonprofessional citizen planners for outstanding contributions to planning programs or activities. The NCAPA Awards Committee was impressed with Mr. Trask’s strong commitment and actions to preserve natural resources, create a walkable community and incorporate local, historic architectural elements in the 236 acre community, located just 1.5 miles from Wrightsville Beach. In particular, the Committee members praised his “Save Tree Mandate,” which has saved 200 trees in the first phase of the project alone, and his plan to link the trails in Autumn Hall to Wilmington’s multi-use path, providing public access to the community’s lake, parks, and other green space. The Committee also commended Mr. Trask’s consistent efforts to exceed the City of Wilmington’s development standards and his work to further public objectives. Mr. Trask was nominated for the award by Christine Hughes, AICP, senior planner with the City of Wilmington Planning Department. The award will be presented the NCAPA’s Annual Planning Conference at the Raleigh Convention Center on September 26, 2008.

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In her nomination, Ms. Hughes noted Mr. Trask's efforts to stay true to the tenets of a mixed-use community, one of which is a renewed focus on pedestrian traffic. "The Autumn Hall land plan shows an innovative refocusing away from vehicular traffic. The city's technical standards required reconsideration to include a significant amount of green space, narrow carriageways, smaller turning radiuses and generous pedestrian ways," she said in her nomination. In general, the Autumn Hall plan seeks to enhance the importance of sidewalks and multi-use paths encouraging residents to leave their cars behind and walk for exercise, errands and enjoyment.

The NCAPA Awards Committee also noted that Mr. Trask has demonstrated leadership as a citizen planner through the collaborative working relationship he and the City of Wilmington developed during the planning and permitting process for Autumn Hall. Mr. Trask has also served on Wilmington's Unified Development Ordinance Steering Committee, has participated in the development of the City's Future Land Use Plan and is a founding board member and vice president of Coastal Carolina Tomorrow.

**About Autumn Hall**

Autumn Hall is located just 1.5 miles from Wrightsville Beach and minutes from historic downtown Wilmington. When complete, the project will include 300 single family residences and 200 multi-family units. Some 51 acres of parks, walking trails and green space, in addition to an eight acre lake, a first class tennis facility and a Creek Club on Bradley Creek will contribute to the community's natural and recreational amenities. Autumn Hall will also be home to a wide range of retail, dining and shopping establishments. For more information visit [www.autumnhall.com](http://www.autumnhall.com).

**Autumn Hall's Environmental Stewardship Mission Statement:**

Autumn Hall inspires a commitment to land and water stewardship by elevating the importance of all aspects of our natural environment in our land use plan, our focus on the enjoyment of outdoor recreation and our integration of environmental awareness into our neighborhood fabric.