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PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park wins national America in Bloom award for environmental efforts

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (November 4, 2020) Top honors for the prestigious 2020 America in Bloom (AIB) National Awards Program were announced in October at the virtual "Symposium in the Sky" educational conference and awards celebration where the City of Winter Park won the **Outstanding Achievement Award for Environmental Efforts**. According to Winter Park Blooms Chair Stephen Pategas, "This award from America in Bloom is an exciting recognition of the sustainability efforts of residents, business owners, administration, city staff and advisory boards. It takes a diverse collection of caring people to make such a positive difference about our environment."

The AIB Awards were presented to communities that reflect excellence in the areas of community vitality, floral displays, landscaped areas, urban forestry, environmental efforts, celebration of heritage, overall impression and community involvement. To date, nearly 275 communities from 43 states have participated in the AIB program, and more than 22 million people have benefited from these efforts. Eligible participants included towns, cities, college and university campuses, business districts, military installations, and recognized neighborhoods of large cities.

"America in Bloom is helping communities of all sizes achieve their potential. Every year, our participants raise the bar, and the accomplishments and progress shown by this year's group is remarkable. These are, without a doubt, some of the best places to live and visit. Congratulations to Winter Park for the excellent work making your community more beautiful and vibrant," said AIB Executive Director, Laura Kunkle.

AIB is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting nationwide beautification programs and personal and community involvement through the use of flowers, plants, trees, and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. AIB provides educational programs, resources and the challenge of a friendly competition between participating communities across the country.

For more information regarding Winter Park's participation in AIB efforts, please visit [Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable](#) on the city's official website at cityofwinterpark.org.



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