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Winners named for 4th annual Rhode Island Smart Growth

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Saying there's no better way to promote the many economic and community benefits of smart growth than to profile examples of success, Grow Smart RI named the winners of its 4th Annual Rhode Island Smart Growth. The awards recognize those credited with helping to shape a stronger Rhode Island through innovative revitalization and preservation initiatives.

The awards will be presented on May 21st beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Providence G, followed by a reception at the historic Providence Arcade, both on Weybosset St. Tickets are \$60 and can be reserved at www.GrowSmartRI.org.

"Each year, passionate, creative and resourceful Rhode Islanders show us the way to tap our state's full potential through projects, plans and policies that play to Rhode Island's strengths, generate enduring economic benefits, both statewide and in specific neighborhoods," said Grow Smart's executive director Scott Wolf.

In addition to an awards ceremony, the event will feature a keynote address by Oregon congressman Earl Blumenauer. Congressman Blumenauer has been the chief spokesperson in congress for smart growth and vibrant communities. He has traveled the country for more than a decade observing and promoting smart growth best practices.

The 2015 awards will recognize three inspiring leaders, four transformative smart growth projects and two visionary sets of policies to encourage smart growth and address barriers to downtown development. A special Founders' Leadership Award will also be presented.

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