

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Delegates arrive in Chicago for global environmental awards finals

**The city of Chicago will be hosting the final of the 14th year of the International Awards for Liveable Communities this weekend (5-8th November).**

**Delegates from around the world have started arriving in Illinois for the finals and begin making their case for the achievements of their communities on Friday.**

In the contest for towns and cities, a total of thirty five delegations qualified for the final in Chicago after the first round of judging. Countries represented include the US, Canada, the Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Estonia, Ukraine, Moldova, Denmark, Republic of Ireland, the UK, Germany, Spain, Austria, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Columbia, China, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates and South Africa. Eleven towns and cities from the USA have reached the finals in the towns and cities category.

**Chicago is the second city in the USA to host the prestigious LivCom International Awards – the first was Washington in 2000 – which is devoted to championing and rewarding sustainable development, quality of life and environmental best practice in communities.**

**At the awards finals, which have been held every year since 1997, judges evaluate the approach to individual criteria for sustainable development – enhancement of the landscape, heritage management, environmentally-sensitive practices, community sustainability and planning for the future.**

The finals which see representatives of the various towns and cities make their case to an international jury, last for five days, culminating in an awards ceremony on the closing evening (Monday 9th November) when the results including the name of the most liveable city in the world for 2010 in each population category will be announced.

Events from the final will be broadcast on the internet in real time [www.livcomawards.com](http://www.livcomawards.com) so it will be possible to follow the teams taking part from anywhere in the world. The competition will be accompanied by an exhibition of towns and projects and a UN seminar.

Chicago's Mayor Daly said: "As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome the International Awards for Liveable Communities 2010 (LivCom).

"Few issues facing our society today are more urgent than creating a healthier, more sustainable society for ourselves and future generations.

"The City of Chicago has worked to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods through initiatives that protect our water, clean our air, restore our land and save our energy. I am committed to making Chicago "America's Greenest City" by investing in citywide infrastructure and programs that will ease our demands on the environment, create jobs and promote good health.

"A special opportunity to network, gain access to comprehensive resources and exchange best practices, this conference showcases progress in sustainability and spurs other innovative programs and solutions to emerging issues. I commend the attendees for their commitment to making our communities better places to live, work and raise families and send my best wishes for much continued success in their endeavours. "

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Note to editors:

LivCom is non-political, embracing all nations and cultures, and over 50 countries are represented within the Awards. The LivCom Awards are the only forum in which International Best Practice may be observed and developed, and participation in the Awards is an investment in the future of a community.

***The International Awards for Liveable Communities (The LivCom Awards) was launched in 1997 and is endorsed by the United Nations Environment Programme, with which it partners an MoU.***

***For further details see [www.livcomawards.com](http://www.livcomawards.com) or for media enquiries please contact [e.peplow@btinternet.com](mailto:e.peplow@btinternet.com)***

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## *LivCom Awards 2010 - The Finalists*

### **Category A**

Chautauqua Institution, New York, USA  
Chetwynd, BC, Canada  
Echo, Oregon, USA  
Emly, Ireland  
Haapsalu Municipality, Estonia  
Kuressaare, Estonia  
City of Plyos, Russia  
City of Pushchino, Russia  
Trim, Ireland

### **Category B**

City of Annapolis, USA  
Town of Breclav, Czech Republic  
Town of Chrudim, Czech Republic  
City of Dubuque, USA  
City of Fredericton, Canada  
City of Highland Park, USA  
Town of Mikolow, Poland  
Municipal Authorities of Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic  
Ostrow Wielkopolski, Poland  
City of Porirua, New Zealand  
St Cloud, USA  
Tabor, Czech Republic

### **Category C**

City of Caguas, Puerto Rico  
City of Norwich, England  
Village of Schaumburg, USA  
South East County, Gran Canaria, Spain  
Westland, USA  
County Wicklow, Ireland

### **Category D**

Dongcheng District, Beijing, China  
City of Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine  
City of Miami Beach, USA  
Odense Municipality, Denmark  
City of Riverside, USA

Suncheon City, South Korea  
Tallahassee, USA  
Westchester County, USA

## **Category E**

Al Ain, UAE  
Changwon City, South Korea  
Changzhou, China  
Curitiba, Brazil  
Iloilo, Philippines  
Medellin City, Columbia  
Portland Metropolitan Region, USA  
Wuxi, China

## **Projects**

**City of Annapolis, USA:** New Ways with New Energy  
**Beihai City, China:** Beibu Gulf on the St 1  
**Beijing, China:** Nan Luoguxiang  
**Chetwynd, BC, Canada:** Wind Power  
**Chrudim, Czech Republic:** Revitalisation of a Mill Run – Chrudim’s Blue Access  
**Curitiba, Brazil:** Curitiba Biocity  
**Dolna, Republic of Moldova:** Moldovan Network of Rural Volunteering Centers for Water  
**Durham County Council, England:** Durham Peninsula Castle & Cathedral World heritage Site – Conserving the Past – Developing for a Sustainable Future  
**Ekurhuleni, South Africa:** Basa Nje ngo Magogo  
**Fredericton, Canada:** Green Matters  
**Fredericton, Canada:** Green Shops  
**Haapsalu, Estonia:** Reconstruction and Renovation of the Haapsalu Promenade  
**Huangshan, China:** Homeway – Scenic Oriental Villa  
**Iloilo, Philippines:** Iloilo River Development Project  
**Johannesburg, South Africa:** Bridging the Green Divide  
**Kobe, Japan:** Garden City Maitamon, Mitsuike Project in Kobe  
**Lviv, Ukraine:** Agricultural Sustainable Development  
**Montreal, Canada:** Montreal’s First Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development  
**Odense, Denmark:** Seatrout Funen  
**Porirua, New Zealand:** Village Planning Programme  
City of **Pushchino, Russia:** Creating Emerald Island  
**Sanya, China:** Crreg - Ziyuetai  
**Schaumburg, USA:** Quindei Ave Parking Lot Project  
**Schwalm-Eider-Kries, Germany:** New Ways with Energy  
**Seongdong-Gu, Seoul, Korea:** Hangang Renaissance Project  
**Shangha, China:** Vanke Community  
**South East County, Gran Canaria:** Strategic Planning of the Municipality of Santia Lucia de Tirajana  
**South East County, Gran Canaria:** Arts, Culture and Heritage in Ingenio  
**South East County, Gran Canaria:** Enhancement of the atural and Built Environment of

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**South East County**, Gran Canaria: Healthy Lifestyles

**South East County**, Gran Canaria: Environmentally Sustainable Practices

**South East County**, Gran Canaria: Participation and Community Empowerment

**Westchester, USA**: Liveable Communities – A Vision for Ages: Bring People and Places Together

**Westland, USA**: Curbside Recycling Programme

**Vancouver**, Canada: Southeast False Creek

County **Wicklow**, Ireland: East Coast Nature Reserve – Newcastle, Co. Wicklow

**Wuxi, China**: Taihu New Town

## **Bursaries:**

Ekurhuleni, South Africa: Ekurhuleni Youth Environment (EYA) Programme

Fredericton, Canada: Green Matters Certified

Iloilo, Philippines: Community-based Water & Sanitation System

Iloilo, Philippines: Community-based Disaster Preparedness Planning

Iloilo, Philippines: Waste Pickers Livelihood Training Programme

Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine: Safe & Friendly Urban Environment for Future Generations

City of Norwich, England: Heavenly Gardens

City of Plyos, Russia: Ecoplyos – Zero Waste

Porirua, New Zealand: Waitangirua Park Project

City of Pushchino, Russia: Emerald Island

Schaumburg, USA: Olde Schaumburg Centre Streetscape Enhancement

Tabor, Czech Republic: Pintovka Revives

Trim, Ireland: Heritage Street Improvement

County Wicklow, Ireland: Outdoor Classroom: Interacting with Nature at the East Coast Nature Reserve