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## OUTSTANDING PROJECT:

### Lower Town Neighborhood Plan and Artist Relocation Program (City of Paducah)

With Viable Neighborhoods as a goal set by the City Commission, the Planning Department of the City of Paducah undertook the creation of a neighborhood plan for the revitalization of its oldest historic neighborhood known as Lower Town. Annexed in 1836, Lower Town is adjacent to the historic Downtown area. Time and neglect had taken its toll and the neighborhood became a blighted area.

The planning process started by developing an inventory of every structure in Lower Town and holding a series of meetings between the City and the newly re-invigorated Lower Town Neighborhood Association and residents. The community was highly involved in the process and their participation made it not just a plan, but rather 'their' plan. Implementation of the plan has included completion of a lighting plan, increased police patrols, aggressive code enforcement, traffic recommendations including new signaling, with the main goal of revitalization being accomplished through code enforcement and the Artist Relocation Program. Attitudes of the residents have changed. Many structures have been completely renovated or brought up to code. New infill construction has taken place and the Artist Relocation Program has been successful in recruiting 20 new artist/residents/businesses to Lower Town and \$4.5 million in private investments. The City Commission adopted the Lower Town Neighborhood Plan and Artist Relocation Plan in February of 2002.



City of Paducah council members accept their award for the Lower Town Neighborhood Plan from Tom Lyons (second from left).



City of Paducah Planning Department staff members with the Outstanding Project award.

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