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PlanSmart NJ's Prestigious Awards to Six Leaders in the State

(Trenton, N.J.) -- PlanSmart NJ, the state's oldest and largest land use research and advocacy nonprofit will award six leaders in NJ at the organization's 40th Anniversary Annual Dinner. *NJ Biz* has dubbed the event "one of the state's top ten networking events." The Title Sponsor of the November 6th event at the New Brunswick Hyatt is North America Power Partners (NAPP).

Every year PlanSmart NJ recognizes leaders in the State that represent excellence in the areas that land use planning affects: the economy, the environment, reducing costs and increasing social and economic integration. **Laurie Wiegand, NAPP's Co-Managing Partner** will present the prestigious awards to:

The **River Route Advisory Committee** and **Burlington County** for their success in tying economic development and regional cooperation to public investment in transportation. The award is being accepted by **Burlington County Freeholder Joseph Donnelly**.

Eleanor Horne, ETS for her leadership and commitment for giving back to the community through her work in environmental preservation, regional planning and opportunities for children.

Richard Dovey, Atlantic County Utilities Authority for his leadership in promoting clean and renewable energy sources and recycling programs.

The **Honorable Thomas D. Carver** for his leadership in regional planning for jobs, housing and transportation in south Jersey.

Calvary Community Development Corporation, accepted by **Reverend Doctor Edward Dorn** for strengthening and revitalizing communities by empowering individuals and families.

The **New York Shipping Association**, accepted by **Frank McDonough** for its innovations for efficiency and productivity in one of New Jersey's most important economic sectors.

“This year’s awardees reflect the scope and breadth of PlanSmart NJ’s mission to promote economic development, environmental protection and social justice through land use” said **Carol Beske**, President of **ACT Engineers** and Chairman of PlanSmart NJ’s Board of Directors. “What other organization would recognize such an array of diverse achievements represented by the New York Shipping Association, Educational Testing Services, and the Calvary Community Development Corporation? The point is that PlanSmart NJ recognizes the importance of all these issues.”

For more information about PlanSmart NJ and this year’s Dinner, go to the website:
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