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This issue presents the six exemplary design, research and planning projects that have been named winners of the 2000 EDRA / *Places* Awards.

Place Design awards, for completed projects that demonstrate excellence as human environments, were given to **Lafayette Square**, in downtown Oakland, which involved the redesign of a park in a manner that accommodated multiple users, and the **Rosa Parks Elementary School**, in Berkeley, whose design and participatory process have enabled it to be a significant community focal point.

Place Research awards, for projects that investigate the relationship between physical form and human behavior or experience, were given to the book *Healing Gardens: Therapeutic Benefits and Design Recommendations*, which examines the therapeutic role that outdoor space plays in a variety of health care environments, and **Three Public Neighborhoods**, an ongoing study of the rise, fall and revival of three public housing developments in Boston.

Place Planning Awards, for projects that make proposals for the future design, use or management of a place, were given to the **City of Portland Pedestrian Plan**, a twenty-year vision for increasing opportunities to walk in the city, and the **Appalachian Community Development Initiative**, which seeks to jump-start growth and development in Knott County, Ky., and its county seat, Hindman.

The winners were chosen from 117 entries received from practitioners and scholars around the world. The winners were recognized at a banquet and symposium at EDRA's annual conference, held May 2-6 last year in San Francisco.

This is the third round of EDRA / *Places* Awards, whose purpose is to highlight the relationship between place-based research, planning and design. The program is open to practitioners and researchers from a wide range of design and social science backgrounds—including architecture, landscape architecture, planning, urban design, interior design, lighting design, graphic design, environmental psychology, sociology, anthropology and geography—as well as to public officials and citizens. As in past years, the program has been supported by funding from the Graham Foundation.

A call for entries for the fourth round of awards can be found in this issue. For more information, contact EDRA at (405) 330-4863 or edra@telepath.com.

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