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Charleston County Named Finalist for All-America City Awards

[Charleston County Government](#) is one of 20 municipalities competing for this year's National Civic League (NCL) All-America City Award. The NCL announced the finalists last week and will select ten winners from this year's group.

Staff completed the application process and will make a formal presentation in June to a panel during the 67th All-America City Awards in Denver, Colorado. This highly competitive award is given to communities that are innovative, work with partners on a regional level and take on difficult challenges.

"The All-America City Awards is a national competition to find the best of the best as it relates to public service," said County Administrator Keith Bustraan. "We've worked closely with a number of local organizations to highlight some of the history we helped preserve in Charleston County and we look forward to presenting some of these initiatives at the final competition in June."

The application consists of highlighting three community projects. Charleston County is highlighting:

- The preservation of the Angel Oak tree including the efforts by [Lowcountry Land Trust](#)
- The development of [Palmetto Commerce Parkway](#) and the Inland Rice Fields Traveling Trunk educational program
- The efforts of [Lowcountry Local First](#) in shifting focus toward local businesses

The Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Charleston have previously won the award. According to the NCL, winners of the All-America City award receive national recognition as well as a boost in recruitment for industry, jobs and investment.

For more information about the All-America City Award: <http://www.nationalcivicleague.org/aboutaac/>

2016: All-America City Finalists:

- Avondale, Arizona
- Marana, Arizona
- Hayward, California
- Indio, California
- Whittier, California
- Lakewood, Colorado
- New Britain, Connecticut
- Council Bluffs, Iowa
- Fall River, Massachusetts
- Columbia Heights, Minnesota
- Woodbury, Minnesota
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Asheboro, North Carolina
- Salisbury, North Carolina
- Charleston County, South Carolina
- Hartsville, South Carolina
- Missouri City, Texas
- San Antonio, Texas
- Norfolk, Virginia
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