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NEWS RELEASE

Texas Chapter of American Planning Association Designates HomeTown in North Richland Hills a Great Neighborhood of Texas for 2017

Dallas, Texas, 1BApril 3, 2017– The Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association announced today that HomeTown in North Richland Hills has been designated a Great Neighborhood by the state chapter's Great Places in Texas program. Great Places in Texas exemplify exceptional character and highlight the role planners and planning play in creating communities of lasting value. This year marks the inaugural year of the Great Places in Texas program, which is modeled from the American Planning Association's ongoing [Great Places in America](#) program.

HomeTown, a 650-acre master-planned neighborhood, features a wide mix of uses, a diverse and multigenerational housing stock, abundant open space and public art displays, and a model road and pedestrian pathway network.

"HomeTown has the amenities of an urban community integrated seamlessly with the charm of a classic neighborhood," said Lori Schwarz, AICP, Chair of Great Places in Texas Selection Committee.

"Community events and neighborhood involvement provide a sense of pride for residents and the city, which was apparent in the nomination."

With a little over 65 acres left to develop, the neighborhood is continuing to adapt and thrive. HomeTown is perfectly situated within a half mile of the TEXRail's new commuter rail station and improvements are under way to establish pedestrian connections to the station platform.

Through Great Places in Texas, the Texas Chapter of APA recognizes unique and authentic characteristics found in three essential components of all communities — streets, neighborhoods, and public spaces. APA Great Places offer better choices for where and how people work and live every day, places that are enjoyable, safe, and desirable. Such places are defined by many characteristics, including architectural features, accessibility, functionality, and community involvement.

The five other Great Places in Texas designees for 2017 are:

- Downtown McKinney
- Fredericksburg – Main Street
- Georgetown Town Square
- San Angelo River Walk
- Springtown Tabernacle

For more information about the 2017 Great Places in Texas, as well as a list of the Great Places in America designees located in the state, visit www.txplanning.org/greatplaces.

The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, are dedicated to advancing the art, science and profession of good planning -- physical, economic, and social -- so as to create communities that offer better choices for where and how people work and live. Members of APA help create communities of lasting value and encourage civic leaders, business interests, and citizens to play a meaningful role in creating communities that enrich people's lives. APA has offices in Washington, D.C., Chicago, Ill, and Shanghai, China. For more information, visit its website at www.planning.org.

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