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## TRPA SEEKING BEST IN THE BASIN NOMINEES

**Lake Tahoe, CA/NV** – The nomination period is open for the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency’s 2012 Best in the Basin awards program, which annually recognizes environmentally compatible projects in the Tahoe Basin that stand out as the best designed, planned and implemented.

For more than two decades, the Best in the Basin awards program has recognized those property owners, contractors, architects and planners whose work and investment should be held up as examples to follow.

“Projects designed for Lake Tahoe already have to achieve high environmental standards,” said Jeff Cowen, Best in the Basin program coordinator. “So when a Tahoe project is recognized as having outstanding qualities, it’s the best of the best.”

The TRPA also initiated this year the Lake Spirit Awards honoring real people making real progress to restore Lake Tahoe. While the Best in the Basin Awards will continue to recognize outstanding projects, the two award programs together shine a spotlight on extraordinary environmental work being completed every day by individuals, organizations, businesses and agencies throughout Lake Tahoe.

The nomination period ends Friday, October 12. The categories are:

- new residential
- residential modification
- rebuild projects
- new commercial
- commercial modification
- commercial rebuild
- shorezone
- green building
- public service
- erosion control
- restoration
- BMP retrofit
- defensible space
- forest fuel reduction
- mixed-use project
- green remodel.

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To qualify, projects must have been complete or near completion in the 2012 calendar year and before the close of the nomination period. For an entry form and information about last year's winners, go to [www.trpa.org](http://www.trpa.org).

Winners will be selected by a panel of area professionals in the fields of architecture, landscaping, planning, engineering, and resource management.

Those selected to receive awards will be publicly honored by the TRPA Governing Board in January 2013. Photographs and summaries of the projects will be displayed by the TRPA until the following year's winners are chosen.

The Tahoe Regional Planning Agency cooperatively leads the effort to preserve, restore, and enhance the unique natural and human environment of the Lake Tahoe Region now and in the future. For additional information, call Jeff Cowen at (775) 589-5278 or email to [jcowen@trpa.org](mailto:jcowen@trpa.org).

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