

Honored for Landscaping

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Those who have visited Rock Hill's Glencairn Garden recently have seen it in all its spring glory, a showpiece of landscaping in the middle of the city's historic district. And as ambitious plans move forward for expanding and upgrading Glencairn, it should be even more impressive in the near future.

This is the kind of dedication to landscaping projects that recently earned the city a Genius Loci - Latin for "Spirit of Place" - award from the state chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. The award, which was given in conjunction with National Landscape Award Month, cited 11 Rock Hill projects, including Glencairn Garden.

Mayor Doug Echold accepted the award at a ceremony in the garden. But former mayors Betty Jo Rhea and John Hardin also were in attendance. The presence of these former leaders was particularly appropriate because this award was not simply for a group of projects or for the appearance of the city today, but for its dedication to natural beauty and public landscaping for the past 50 years.

Rock Hill residents now benefit from that legacy, and the determination to continue that legacy so that it can be renewed and passed to future generations remains strong. Congratulations to the city officials who help make this community beautiful.

A 'Spirit of Place'

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Local landscape architect Duane Christopher, ..., former Rock Hill Mayor Betty Jo Rhea, Rock Hill Mayor Doug Echols, former Rock Hill Mayor John Hardin and Barret Anderson, president of the South Carolina chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, display the Genius Loci "Spirit of Place" Award. The award was given to the city at Glencairn Garden earlier this month by the South Carolina chapter of the society, honoring the city's 50 years of landscape architecture projects.