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Columbus Downtown Development Corporation, Scioto Peninsula Cultural District Selected as a Winner of the 2019 ULI Global Award for Excellence

WASHINGTON, DC/COLUMBUS, OHIO (September 18, 2019) – The [Columbus Downtown Development Corporation](#) (CDDC) was named a recipient of the 2019 ULI Global Award for Excellence for the Scioto Peninsula Cultural District. Eleven outstanding real estate development projects from around the globe were honored with the Award for Excellence, widely recognized as one of the development industry’s most prestigious awards programs.

The winners, each of which demonstrates a comprehensive level of quality and a forward-looking approach to development and design, include seven projects in the United States, three in Asia, and one in Europe. The Scioto Peninsula Cultural District, Columbus, Ohio was selected with developers: The Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC), Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation; Designers: MKSK, Jerome Scott Architects, Allied Works Architecture, The Olin Studio, Ralph Appelbaum Associates.

“Strong public-private collaboration among the City of Columbus, Franklin County, the State of Ohio and the private sector made The Scioto Peninsula Cultural District happen,” said Guy Worley, CEO and President at Columbus Downtown Development Corporation & Capitol South. “The recognition by the Urban Land Institute indicates just how impactful this project is to our downtown and to central Ohio. In addition, we are just getting started. With a 26-acre mixed-use development project breaking ground in 2020, the Scioto Peninsula will only continue to enhance our already vibrant Downtown.”

The Scioto Peninsula Cultural District consists of four distinct amenities, led by CDDC and made possible through public-private partnerships, working in concert to activate Downtown. They include:

- 1) [The Scioto Greenways](#) - A three-part project that started with the removal of a century-old dam, returning the river to its natural, narrower width and reclaiming 33 acres of new greenspace. Community-championed as the #1 project from the 2010 Downtown Strategic

plan, the Greenways added 1.5 miles of multi-use pathways, 800 trees and more than 75,000 plant features, creating a lush urban oasis and activated civic corridor.

2) A new satellite location of the [American Museum of Natural History \(AMNH\) in Columbus's Center of Science and Industry \(COSI\)](#) resulted from an unprecedented partnership between these two institutions. CDDC successfully led the charge, establishing two new significant exhibition areas at COSI: Dinosaur Gallery and Temporary Exhibition Gallery, which occupy a total of 22,000 square feet on COSI's main concourse.

3) [National Veterans Memorial and Museum \(NVMM\)](#) is the first and only Museum dedicated solely to the veteran experience – celebrating the service and honoring the sacrifices of Veterans, their families and the Fallen. Within the 50,000 sf space, visitors are taken on a narrative journey encompassing all branches of service and all eras of conflict. Outside the museum lies a 2.5-acre Memorial Grove, designed for contemplation and reflection before visitors return to their everyday lives.

4) [Dorrian Green](#) is a 6.5-acre City park atop a new two-story underground parking garage with 600 spaces. Located directly west of COSI, the park includes themed gardens, musical play area, urban playground, bench swings, walkways and lounge area for adults.

All of these amenities have been catalytic toward westward development on the peninsula, successfully attracting the development of residential, office, hotel and retail uses.

The winners were selected by an international jury made up of leading ULI members representing multidisciplinary real estate expertise, including finance, planning, development, design, and other professional services.

To learn more about the 2019 ULI Global Awards for Excellence, click [HERE](#).

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About Columbus Downtown Development Corporation & Capitol South

The Columbus Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) and Capitol South Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (Capitol South) are private, non-profit development corporations; they share a mission to lead catalytic, transformative developments in the heart of Ohio's capital city. The core of Columbus has rapidly become an award-winning model of urban aesthetics; one of the most attractive city centers in the United States. While CDDC traces its roots to the implementation of the Downtown Strategic Plan in 2002, Capitol South has been supporting a re-emerging Downtown since 1974, when it launched a modest mission to redevelop the area just south of Capitol Square. The two teams share a common Board of Directors, comprised of business and industrial leaders united to help shepherd progress in the capital city.