

Finance & Commerce names Top Projects of 2015

Staff report

The complicated conversion of a former mill into affordable housing and the new St. Paul Saints ballpark are among the Top Projects of 2015 honorees announced Thursday by Finance & Commerce.

The A Mill Artist Lofts in Minneapolis and CHS Field in St. Paul are among 26 projects selected for the annual honors. To be eligible, the projects had to be completed by the end of 2015.

An independent panel of judges looked at degree of difficulty, creativity in design, innovative construction techniques, cooperation among contractors and management, and sustainability of facts.

The projects will be featured in a series of stories and photos in the Minneapolis-based Finance & Commerce daily newspaper and finance-commerce.com starting in July. The people and companies behind the projects also will be honored at an Oct. 19 event at the Minneapolis Event Center.

The 2015 honorees

4Marq Apartments

400 Marquette Ave. S., Minneapolis
Description: 30-story downtown apartment tower
Owner: AIG Global Real Estate
Contractor: Mortenson
Architect: UrbanWorks Architecture LLC
Engineer: Premier Electric Co., Palanisami & Associates, Sundt Engineering

A-Mill Artist Lofts

315 Main St. SE, Minneapolis
Description: Conversion of historic Pillsbury "A" Mill into affordable apartments
Owner: Dominion
Contractor: Wes Builders
Architect: BKV Group
Engineer: BKV Group

Chaska Curling & Event Center

1210 Chaska Blvd., Chaska
Description: 40,000-square-foot new facility
Owner: City of Chaska
Contractor: Kraus-Anderson
Architect: 292 Design Group
Engineer: Nelson Rudie & Associates



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CHS Field, one of the most environmentally friendly ballparks in the nation, was built on land once listed among the top 10 most contaminated sites in Minnesota.

CHS Field

360 N. Broadway St., St. Paul
Description: New ballpark for St. Paul Saints baseball team
Owner: City of St. Paul, St. Paul Saints
Contractor: Ryan Cos. US Inc.
Architect: Ryan Snow-Kretsch, AECOM
Engineer: Erickson Road & Associates, Schlegel Mechanical, Hunt Electric

Crystal Public Works

5001 W. Broadway Ave., Crystal
Description: New public works facility
Owner: City of Crystal
Contractor: Big D Construction
Architect: Model Architectural Group
Engineer: Cain Throner Associates



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Although the A-Mill is an affordable project, Dominion says it has added high-end finishes and small touches all over the building.

DC Group Headquarters

1977 West River Road, Minneapolis
Description: 30,000-square-foot office and renovation
Owner: DC Group
Contractor: Drake Construction
Architect: UrbanWorks Architecture
Engineer: Mattson McDonald Young, Stearns Engineering, Truex Associates

Contractor: McLaugh Construction
Architect: CannonDesign
Engineer: Affiliated Engineers

Maya Clinic Square

600 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis
Description: Conversion of former Block E entertainment complex into Mayo Sports Medicine Clinic, the headquarters and practice facilities for Minnesota Timberwolves and Lynx teams, and office and retail space
Owner: Carillon LLC
Contractor: Mortenson
Architect: AECOM, RSP Architects
Engineer: Durham Associates, Erickson Road & Associates, Schlegel Mechanical Inc., Parsons-Decker

Midway YMCA

170 University Ave., St. Paul
Description: New 33,072-square-foot new facility
Owner: YMCA of Greater Twin Cities
Contractor: McLaugh Construction
Architect: Lowell Spofford Erickson Architects Inc.
Engineer: Clark Engineering Corp., Reissler & Associates, Karges-Faulconbridge, Pease-Pitt & Associates

Northern Stacks I

4000 East River Road, Friday
Description: First building in massive redevelopment of 125-acre Superfund site and former home of Northern Pump Co.
Owner: Hyde Development
Contractor: Mortenson
Architect: Margaret Hansen Architects Inc.
Engineer: Westwood Professional Services, Regan & Associates

Owatonna Public Utilities Power Plant Repurposing

205 Walnut Ave. S., Owatonna
Description: Renovation of historic power plant into public offices and a public observation site
Owner: Owatonna Public Utilities
Contractor: Ricon Inc.
Architect: Lex A Daly
Engineer: Lex A Daly

Pine Island Elementary School

8740 125th St. NW, Pine Island
Description: New pre-kindergarten through fourth grade school
Owner: Pine Island Public Schools
Contractor: Kraus-Anderson
Architect: Wendel Companies
Engineer: Dehn Associates Inc., Larson Engineering

PrairieCare Child Psychiatric Hospital

3800 Zane Ave. N.
Description: New 90-bed facility
Owner: BRET Properties
Contractor: R.J. Ryan Construction Co.
Architect: Pope Architects
Engineer: Clark Engineering, Egan Legacy

Fairview Southdale Carl N. Platou Emergency Center

6101 Fairview Ave. S., Edina
Description: 65,000-square-foot emergency room expansion
Owner: Fairview Southdale Hospital
Contractor: Kraus-Anderson
Architect: HGA Architects and Engineers
Engineer: Durham Associates



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Once a lightbulb factory, the Highlight Center was converted from the Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters into creative office space.

Highlight Center

807 Broadway St. NE, Minneapolis
Description: Conversion of former 170,000-square-foot Minneapolis Public Schools headquarters, once a lightbulb factory, into creative office space
Owner: Hillcrest Development
Contractor: Hillcrest
Architect: Reissler-Schmitt Architecture and Larak Architects
Engineer: N/A

Jordan Middle School

500 Sunset Drive, Jordan
Description: \$35-million expansion and renovation
Owner: Jordan Public Schools
Contractor: Wenck Construction Inc.
Architect: DFB Group
Engineer: DFB Group

Kandiyohi County Landfill Leachate Treatment System

17650 Highway 71 NE, New London
Owner: Kandiyohi County
Contractor: Marcol Construction
Architect: Clark Engineering Corp.
Engineer: Clark Engineering

M Health Clinics & Surgery Center

900 Fulton St. SE, Minneapolis
Description: Five-story, 342,000-square-foot center on University of Minnesota campus
Owner: University of Minnesota

St. Louis County Government Services Center

320 W. Second St., Duluth
Description: Renovation of 100,000-square-foot office
Owner: St. Louis County
Contractor: Johnson Miller Construction
Architect: Parsons-Will
Engineer: Garman & Moore

St. Paul Academy & Summit School Hall Center for Performing Arts

1712 Raleigh Ave., St. Paul
Description: New performing arts center
Owner: St. Paul Academy & Summit School
Contractor: McLaugh Construction
Architect: HGA Architects and Engineers
Engineer: Michael Cooley Engstrom

The Good Acre

1790 Laperouse Ave. W., Falcon Heights
Description: Nonprofit food test facility that gives tastings across neighborhood, cooks and processing, stream to prep produce for delivery
Owner: Fresh Farm Foundation
Contractor: RJM Construction
Architect: LHB Architects
Engineer: G.R. Macdonald, Pruner Electric

The Row

1320 Portland Ave., Minneapolis
Description: "Ultra-sustainable" mixed-use development
Owner: Acon
Contractor: Wes Builders
Architect: MSR
Engineer: Karges-Faulconbridge

Upper Post Veterans Community

Fuel Storage, 6210 Bloomington Road
Description: Transformation of heretofore vacant buildings into housing for homeless veterans and their families
Owner: CVVA Minneapolis Limited Partnership
Contractor: Sand Co. LLC
Architect: Savil Architects & Miller, Dornwied Architects
Engineer: Lindell Engineering

Vintage on Selby

1000 Selby Ave., St. Paul
Description: Five-story apartment building with Whole Foods Market
Owner: Ryan Cos. US Inc., Excelsior Group, Prudential Real Estate
Contractor: Ryan
Architect: ESG Architects
Engineer: BRDM Engineers

Webster Park - Natural Filtration Swimming Pool

4400 DuPont Ave. N., Minneapolis
Description: Demolition of old pool with natural filtration pool that uses bio-sandified wetlands to clean water
Owner: Minnesota Park and Recreation Board
Contractor: L.S. Black Constructors
Architect: Landrum
Engineer: Engineering Design Initiative

Webster Elementary Conversion to K5-3K Prototype

425 Fifth St. NE, Minneapolis
Description: \$35.7-million renovation
Owner: Minneapolis Public Schools
Contractor: Drake Construction
Architect: TSP Architects and Engineers
Engineer: TSP

Xcel Energy Midtown Substation Enclosure

2840 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis
Description: Artistic enclosure of power substation
Owner: Xcel Energy
Contractor: Fibcon Precast, Garret Mahon, Mid McGrath
Architect: Alliance
Engineer: Emmanuelle Projes, Utzig Engineers