Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) Master planner Harold Rominger has won the Planning Sagamore award, the highest honor bestowed by the American Planning Association-Indiana Chapter.

This honor recognizes the achievement of a planner as an individual and as a model before the public and planning profession. The planning association said Rominger’s qualifications exceeded the criteria used to judge the honor.

Rominger began his employment with the City in 1970 as an assistant administrator in charge of the Urban Design Section. He has overseen the preparation of four downtown master plans, the creation of the Regional Center (downtown) Urban Design Guides and the development of numerous neighborhood park and redevelopment plans.
“Harold is a dedicated planner and has received other national awards for his work,” said Department of Metropolitan Development Director Maury Plambeck. “He has made an impact on the quality of all of our lives and we are very excited for him to receive this honor.”

Rominger has received several awards for planning projects that have helped shaped the downtown atmosphere we all enjoy today. His most recent accomplishment includes the 2010 American Planning Association National Planning Excellence Award for Best Practice for his work on the Regional Center Design Guidelines.

Those guidelines are helping protect the investments of stakeholders by maintaining downtown Indianapolis as an efficient, sustainable and vital place in which we live, work, learn and play.

The award was presented March 26th at a recognition luncheon at Ball State University.