

Reshaping Rochester Awards honorees named

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The recipients of the first Reshaping Rochester Awards have been announced.

The Robert Macon Award for Innovation will be presented to the University of Rochester for the Eastman School of Music East Wing addition and renovation of Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre.

The Betty Strassenburgh Award for Activism will go to Jim Fraser and Jo Dickinson who used their own money to rehabilitate properties on the northeast side of the city.

Lastly, the Director's Award will go to the Village of Pittsford for development plans that include a new town library, an enhanced canal path and the renovation of historic canal-side buildings.

The Rochester Regional Community Design Center announced the inaugural Reshaping Rochester Awards earlier this month. The awards recognize community projects and individuals that further the goals of engagement and quality regional design, officials said.

"One of the best ways that we can advance good design that improves quality of life for people in our region is to honor those who have done it well," said Joni Monroe, executive director of the RRCCDC. "These honorees have demonstrated citizen engagement and good design, improved visual quality, fostered collaboration, stimulated communication, and set high standards for others to follow."

The awards will be presented to the honorees at a luncheon on Dec. 1 at the Inn on Broadway.