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### **The City of Portsmouth Recently Featured on PBS Buildings in the City Receive Awards of Excellence**

Portsmouth, VA - The City of Portsmouth has been featured in the PBS-Blueprint America series, "Blueprint Virginia: A new streetscape in Portsmouth, VA." The program aired on October 29<sup>th</sup> on WHRO. WHRO was one of 10 PBS partner stations selected to support BLUEPRINT AMERICA's "Livable Future: Local Solutions" project, reporting on local, state and federal efforts to use transportation and transportation policy to create more equitable, convenient, greener, cleaner and healthier communities.

Two of the City of Portsmouth's progressive plans which are part of a series of adopted development strategies, plans, and initiatives - the Master Transportation Plan and the Uptown Form Based Code -- were spotlighted in the report. In addition, the Healthy Portsmouth Initiative, which on October 26<sup>th</sup> launched the Healthy Portsmouth City-wide Health & Wellness Initiative, was highlighted in the program due to its goal to improve walkability and bikeability in Portsmouth.

To view the article, visit [www.pbs.org/wnet/blueprintamerica/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/blueprintamerica/). To view the videos, visit: [www.whro.org/blueprintamerica](http://www.whro.org/blueprintamerica).

#### **PORTSMOUTH EXCELLENCE IN DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

The Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate presented its 2010 Excellence in Design Awards recently and has awarded Portsmouth's new Fred W. Beazley Campus, Tidewater Community College two awards. TCC was presented the 'Best Institutional Public Building - Award of Excellence' for the Main Administration Building A, which is the hub of student activity. In addition, HRACRE bestowed the 'Best Master Planned - Award of Excellence' on the new campus. The judges noted that the master plan for the buildings frame and shape the outdoor spaces and unify the campus character.

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