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Irving's Heritage Park Wins Best Public Improvement Award

(IRVING, Texas) – The City of Irving's [Heritage Park](#) won the 2023 Texas Downtown (TXDT) Association President's Award in the category of Best Public Improvement for a city with a population of over 50,000 people.

Winners of the 2023 President's Awards Program were announced on Oct. 25 in Nacogdoches in conjunction with the Texas Downtown Annual Conference. For over 35 years the awards program, sponsored by Texas Downtown (TXDT), has recognized outstanding projects, places, and people of Texas downtowns.

In 2021, the City of Irving completed the Heritage Park renovation project that turned a 1-acre lot into a 2-acre open space in the heart of downtown Irving. Improvements include new lighting, walking paths, restored historical buildings and a state-of-the-art entertainment stage with an enormous 15x20-foot LED screen.

"This project was about more than transforming a park—it was about creating a vibrant, multifaceted space in the center of a historic and evolving district," said Mayor Rick Stopfer. "This award underscores our commitment to preserving our past while embracing our future."

Texas Downtown was established in 1985 to connect and serve communities that are committed to downtown vitality. The mission of the organization is to provide members with resources, advocacy, education, and connections. Texas Downtown represents cities of all sizes, economic development organizations, nonprofits including chambers of commerce and merchant groups, and small business owners. For more information visit texasdowntown.org or contact Suzy Lawrence at suzy@texasdowntown.org.

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The City of Irving is home to 9 Fortune 500 corporate headquarters, over 8,500 businesses, four 18-hole championship golf courses and the DFW International Airport. Centrally located in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, Irving has a population of 256,000+ residents and is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the state and nation.