
THREE PROJECTS, LOCAL BROKER HONORED AT SELL-OUT CREW IMPACT AWARDS

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DETROIT - More than 200 local professionals attended the annual CREW (Commercial Real Estate

Women) Impact Awards Luncheon at the Westin Book-Cadillac in Detroit Sept. 16, where three Detroit real estate developments and one deserving CREW member were presented with the organization's highest honors.

CREW Detroit presented its inaugural Woman of Impact Award this year to CREW member Marilyn Nix. Selected by the board, CREW Detroit's Woman of Impact is someone who demonstrates a sincere commitment to the commercial real estate industry, has been an advocate for other women in the industry and is an organization member of long-standing tenure.

Nix, a past-president of CREW Detroit and well-known broker in the region, has been in the commercial real estate industry more than 35 years. She owns her own real estate consulting company, Marilyn P. Nix & Associates in Bloomfield Hills, which focuses on serving nonprofit organizations.

The real estate developments presented 2015 Impact Awards were the [Cardinal Health Distribution Project \(https://youtu.be/ChLYwNoNM9c\)](https://youtu.be/ChLYwNoNM9c) in the new construction category, the [David Whitney Building \(https://youtu.be/eWgJXSztOAU\)](https://youtu.be/eWgJXSztOAU) redevelopment for adaptive reuse/renovation, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' William G. Milliken State Park and Harbor [Outdoor Adventure Center \(https://youtu.be/ZF1QK1Dlk6Y\)](https://youtu.be/ZF1QK1Dlk6Y) for special impact. All three projects are located in the City of Detroit.

At the event, submitting CREW member companies were presented with their project's award. Kirco was awarded for its work at the Cardinal Health Distribution Center, which included 98 individual properties and 18 structures in an area bounded by Marquette Street to the north, Commonwealth Street to the east, railroad tracks to the south and Rosa Parks Boulevard to the west. Walbridge was awarded for its work as construction manager on both the Whitney redevelopment downtown, which included restoring a 100-year-old building's historic assets and incorporating new residential and hotel spaces; and the DNR's Outdoor Adventure Center, which involved rehabilitating a dilapidated building on Detroit's East Riverfront to house dozens of indoor exhibits that showcase Michigan's natural resources.

This year's Impact Awards drew 21 project submissions - a record for CREW Detroit.

"The Impact Awards historically shine a deserving light on the region's most influential developments, and the record amount of entries we received this year is a bright indicator of a healthy commercial real estate industry," said CREW Detroit President Sheila Suppes, director of business development at Bouma Construction. "It also means our judges had their work cut out for them. We're aware of the considerable time and energy each put into evaluating this year's 21 submissions, and we're very grateful for it."

This year's Impact Awards judges were Milton S. F. Curry, associate dean for the Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan; J. Christopher Ferchill, vice president of development for Ferchill Group; Donna Inch, chairman and CEO of Ford Land; Mary Kramer, group publisher at Crain's Detroit Business; Kathy Makino-Leipsitz, owner of Shelborne Development; Lawrence R. Marantette, partner at Taktix Solutions; Irene Spanos, director of Economic Development and Community Affairs for Oakland County; Mark Wallace, president and CEO of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy; and Leslie Zawada, owner of Civil Engineering Solutions, based in South Lyon.

In 2014, with several projects coming as a result of a resurgence in Detroit, CREW moved its signature awards event to the city. Pewabic Pottery made the ceramic award tiles presented to winners - another nod to the city. The CREW Detroit Impact Awards is sell-out event for the organization.

In 2013, CREW Detroit expanded its region for Impact Awards submissions to include the counties of Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, Bay and Huron. The expansion has allowed entries to come from all parts of the southern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.
