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## Plano Wins Governor's Community Achievement Award

Keep Texas Beautiful announced the City of Plano as a winner of the 2011 Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) for outstanding community improvement. The honor recognizes Plano with one of the most celebrated annual environmental and community improvement awards in Texas and includes a \$310,000 prize.

The Governor's Community Achievement Awards are presented each year to an array of Texas communities with the best grassroots environmental programs in the State. Communities are judged based on their population size, which is derived from population estimates from the Texas State Data Center. The efforts of these communities to involve residents, businesses, schools, local government and youth to keep their city, county or region beautiful earns 10 of them a share of \$2 million in landscaping monies from Texas Department of Transportation. These prizes are designated for landscaping projects along local state rights-of-way.

"These communities have made outstanding efforts to clean and beautify their environment," said Stan Weik, Keep Texas Beautiful President. "Texans should be proud of the work to improve their neighborhoods, schools, parks and public spaces. They are helping to make our state the most beautiful in the nation."

The winning communities were chosen for their achievements in seven areas including community leadership and coordination, education, public awareness, litter prevention and cleanup, illegal dumping enforcement, beautification and property improvement, and solid waste management. The GCAA program has recognized outstanding communities for 42 consecutive years, with the TxDOT providing prize funds since 1985.

**Keep Texas Beautiful**, a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement nonprofit and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 340 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to make Texas the most beautiful state in the nation. For more information on programs and events, call 1-800-CLEAN-TX or visit the website at [www.ktb.org](http://www.ktb.org).

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Mayor

*Pat Miner*  
Mayor Pro Tem

*Lissa Smith*  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem

*Ben Harris*  
Place 2

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Place 3

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Place 5

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Place 7

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Place 8

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