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WAKEUP WAKE COUNTY RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARDS
FROM NC CHAPTER OF AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND NC JUSTICE
CENTER

Yesterday was a big day for WakeUP Wake County. Two organizations presented WakeUP with leadership awards for WakeUP's unique and effective work at ceremonies on September 30.

WakeUP's Executive Director, Karen Rindge, received a North Carolina Marvin Collins Planning Award for Distinguished Leadership in the "Citizen Planner" category from the NC Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA). Rindge was recognized at an awards ceremony during the NCAPA's annual conference in New Bern, NC. WakeUP's work for well-planned growth in the Wake community was recognized, particularly for advocacy for sustainable growth solutions in Raleigh's Comprehensive Plan and New Development Code, for regional public transit and for improved stormwater controls in development.

The Great Schools in Wake Coalition (GSIW), which is a special project of WakeUP Wake County, received a Defenders of Justice Award for Policy Research and Advocacy from the North Carolina Justice Center. Yevonne Brannon, WakeUP's Board Chair and GSIW Chair, accepted the award on behalf of Great Schools in Wake at an awards dinner in Durham. The Great Schools coalition's leadership in promoting high quality public education for all in Wake County, building an effective community coalition and raising public awareness about the adverse impacts of recent school board reassignment proposals was recognized as a shining example in North Carolina.

"WakeUP is honored and grateful to receive these awards. We are very pleased that our public education work is making a difference in Wake County and North Carolina," said Karen Rindge, Executive Director of WakeUP.

WakeUP Wake County is a non-profit 501(c)(3) citizen organization, working for good growth solutions in fast-growing Wake County and the Triangle region.