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## Mill Avenue makes list of top 10 U.S. streets

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Tempe's Mill Avenue has been named one of 10 Great Streets for 2008 in the American Planning Associations's Great Places in America program.

The award recognizes places that have character and highlight the role city planners play in creating community.

"We're excited to designate Mill Avenue as one of this year's 10 Great Streets," said APA Executive Director Paul Farmer in a statement.

"Mill Avenue provides Tempe with an eclectic urban oasis that embraces both the past and the present, and shows how sensitive redevelopment can blend historic preservation with present-day needs."

"Mill Avenue is a picturesque reminder of Tempe's rich history and an indicator of our innovative planning," said Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman. "Our historic buildings are a vital part of our community, as are the more than \$2 billion in high-rise mixed-use projects currently in the works. Tempe is leading the Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area in quality urban development with Mill Avenue as its functional and symbolical heart."

The seven blocks of Mill Avenue designated an APA Great Street are in downtown Tempe with the area of Tempe Town Lake and Rio Salado Drive on the north and University Drive on the south.

Over the past 25 years, more than 3 million square feet of retail, restaurant, office and residential space has been built along the street. This new development has increased annual sales in the city from \$12 million to \$160 million. Mill Avenue supports a work force of more than 9,000 and hosts 2 million visitors annually.

The nine other APA 2008 Great Streets are: Seventh Avenue, Tampa, Fla.; West Main Street, Louisville; Commercial Street, Portland, Maine; Washington Street, Boston; Main Street, Annapolis, Md.; Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.; South Broad Street, Philadelphia; South El Paso, El Paso, Texas; and Clarendon and Wilson Boulevards, Arlington, Va.

For more: [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org), [www.tempe.gov/millave](http://www.tempe.gov/millave).

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