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Hyde Park among 10 great neighborhoods for 2010

It's official: Hyde Park is a great neighborhood.

So says the American Planning Association. The association, which has offices in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, announced today that Cincinnati's Hyde Park was designated one of 10 Great Neighborhoods for 2010 under the organization's Great Places in America program.

APA Great Places exemplify exceptional character and highlight the role played by planners and planning in creating communities of lasting value, according to a news release.

The association singled out Hyde Park for its "distinctive 19th- and 20th-century residential architecture; its compact design that enables residents to go about their daily lives without a car; its top-notch schools; and its citizen participation and civic pride."

Since APA began its Great Places in America in 2007, 40 neighborhoods, 40 streets and 30 public spaces have been designated in 47 states and the District of Columbia.

The nine other APA 2010 Great Neighborhoods are: Downtown Frederick in Frederick, Md.; Historic Ninth Street Hill in Lafayette, Ind.; Lower Downtown in Denver, CO; The Paseo in Oklahoma City, OK; Cathedral Historic District in Sioux Falls, SD.; Frank Lloyd Wright Historic Neighborhood in Oak Park, Ill.; Historic John S. Park Neighborhood in Las Vegas, Nev.; Back Bay in Boston, Mass.; and Riverside Avondale in Jacksonville, Fla.

For more information, go to www.planning.org/greatplaces.