

## SAP America Corporate Headquarters in Newtown Square and University Crossing in Chester Receive Bates Awards for Outstanding Development



*University Crossing in Chester is a mixed use development designed to enhance the neighborhood around Widener University and benefit both University students and adjacent residents. The project's location on Providence Road, a major arterial, also serves as a gateway to the City's central business district. Photo by William Payne, City of Chester.*



*SAP America's second corporate headquarters in Newtown Square was designed to LEED Platinum standards, with numerous sustainable design features including a green roof (pictured), a floor-to-ceiling glass exterior to take advantage of natural daylight, a rainwater cistern, and geothermal heating and cooling. Photo © SAP AG 2009. All rights reserved.*

The Delaware County Planning Commission's William H. Bates Memorial Awards for outstanding land development were presented to the new SAP America corporate headquarters building in Newtown Square and to University Crossing, a mixed-use development located adjacent to the Widener University Campus.

Planning Commission Chairman Thomas J. O'Brien and John E. Pickett, AICP, Director of the Planning Department, presented the Bates Awards at the Commission's monthly meeting on February 18, 2010.

The Commission recognized SAP's new corporate headquarters building for employing innovative green building techniques. The new building on the Newtown Square Campus off West Chester Pike comprises 200,000 square feet and is in addition to an existing office building. It was built to comply with the U.S. Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership Energy and Environmental

Design (LEED) Platinum standard. At present, there are fewer than 125 office buildings in the United States that have obtained USGBC's highest environmental rating.

Accepting the Bates Award plaques were Brian Barrett, Project Manager, SAP America; James Clark, Vice President Facilities, SAP America; James Dodd, Facilities Manager, SAP America; Patrick Rafferty, Security Director, SAP America; Vincent Mancini, Esq., Law Offices of Vincent B. Mancini & Assoc.; Louis Kodumal, Esq., Law Offices of Vincent B. Mancini & Assoc.; John A. Schuyler, AIA, LEED, Associate Principle, FX Fowle Architects; and Maggie Reed, DVRO Sustainability Director, Gilbane Building Co.

The mixed-use University Crossing, located adjacent to the Widener University Campus at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Providence Road in Chester, comprises retail, professional office, hotel, restaurant, and residential uses.

The 2.8-acre lot was created by incorporating 8 existing lots into 2 lots and then developing the site with 31,000 square feet of various uses. This project is intended to benefit both the students at Widener and residents of the City of Chester as a whole.

The plaques for University Crossing were given to Wendell N. Butler, Mayor, Chester City; Charles J. Catania, Sr., Catania Engineering Associates, Inc.; Michael Ciocco, Catania Engineering Associates, Inc.; Asham Nasratullah, Teres Holdings; and Thomas Piatt, Piatt Associates.

The Awards Program honors the late William H. Bates who served on the Planning Commission for 17 years and was for many years its chairman. The Outstanding Land Development Award Program was initiated in 1980 and renamed for Bates in 1982.