# Vibrant NEO Champion Awards
## <u>Application Form</u>

Date of Submittal

Initiative Title

Type of initiative
- [ ] Project
- [ ] Program
- [ ] Policy
- [ ] Other (please describe)_____

Initiative budget, if applicable

Funding source(s) for project and amounts

Date(s) of project implementation, if applicable

Project impacts or benefits, if applicable (number of jobs for construction and/or operations attributable to or projected for the initiative)

Project applicant name

Organization

Title

Contact information for applicant (e-mail, address, phone)

List of partners and their roles (organization name, key partner name(s), with their titles; contact information; and a couple of sentences about the role of each partner)

Brief summary or abstract (maximum 100 words) for use in publication

## Themes Checklist

Please identify which of the Vibrant NEO Themes below apply to this initiative by checking boxes and circles below. Your 3-page summary should explain your choices.

☐ *Theme 1*: **Strengthen Established Communities**
- o Focus new residential and commercial development on sites within established communities
- o Develop a robust network of regional job centers connected by multimodal transportation corridors between and within counties
- o Pursue the remediation, assembly, marketing, and redevelopment of abandoned properties at both the local and regional levels
- o Encourage a higher frequency of mixed-use development and a range of diverse, affordable housing options

☐ *Theme 2*: **Increase Transportation Choice**
- o Enhance and coordinate the region's rail and bus services
- o Enhance walking and cycling as transportation options to increase regional mobility and improve public health

☐ *Theme 3*: **Preserve and Protect Natural Resources**
- o Preserve our natural areas for future generations, provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and develop a regional approach to protecting air, water, and soil quality
- o Support sustainable agriculture and the local food system in Northeast Ohio

☐ *Theme 4*: **Promote Collaboration and Efficiency**
- o Increase collaboration among the region's government agencies to expand information sharing and find more cost-effective means of providing essential services

Send completed submissions to vibrantneo@mpo.noaca.org.