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Danville makes Smart21 list for third consecutive year

The city of Danville for the third consecutive year has been named one of the top 21 places in the world in integrating technology into the community.

Known as the Smart21, the list is compiled by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF), a New York-based think tank that studies the economic and social development of the 21st Century community. The ICF studies and shares the best practices of communities everywhere in order to find sustainable renewal and growth.

Danville is one of two communities in Virginia to make the list and one of just six in the United States.

"It is a huge accomplishment for the city to be part of the Intelligent Community Forum's Smart21 class for the third consecutive year," said Corrie Teague, marketing and research manager for the city of Danville's Office of Economic Development. "This is an opportunity to give Danville recognition for the innovative ideas that are happening to help transform the region."

Danville applied for this award earlier this summer, noting in its application that the nDanville fiber optic network has connected many area businesses and has been an asset in attracting new industry to the area.

"In our application, we showcased nDanville and mentioned how important the broadband economy is to the region today and how much more important it will be in the near future," said Jason Grey, broadband network manager for the city of Danville.

The nDanville Medical Network connects more than 50 percent of the medical offices, clinics, and labs in Danville, including the Danville Regional Medical Center. The medical network was also recognized last year by the Intelligent Community Forum last year as being one of the two recipients of the 2011 Founders awards.

U.S. communities joining Danville on the Smart21 list are Arlington County, Va., Austin, Texas, Dakota County, Minn., Riverside, Calif., and the Columbus, Ohio, region.

Of the remaining honorees, Asia, Canada and Europe each have four communities that made the list. The final three communities are from Mexico and Brazil.

The Smart21 announcement is the first stage of ICF's annual Intelligent Community Awards cycle. These 21 communities now will be required to submit further evidence of their work. From this list of 21, seven finalists for Intelligent Community of the Year 2011 will be selected.

The Top Seven announcement will be made on Jan. 15.

From that group of seven, one will be chosen as the Intelligent Community of the Year 2011, with the announcement coming June 8.

Eindhoven, the Netherlands, was the recipient of this year's award.

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