On May 9, 2018, the American Planning Association, Florida Chapter, Sun Coast Section, held their Annual Awards Reception and Ethics event in Tampa. Community Development staff and the developer, Mr. Agaj, from 158 Ridge LLC were invited to accept an award for best Adaptive Reuse or Redevelopment Award – Residential, for the 158 Ridge Apartment Homes. Mr. Agaj was not able to attend the ceremony and therefore staff scheduled this presentation to share with the City Commission and the community this wonderful honor.

The 158 Ridge Apartment Homes were selected for an award through a competitive process, with awards chosen by a committee from the Sun Coast Section. Because the project was so unique due to the Largo Community Redevelopment Agency’s redevelopment incentives, and thoughtful design from the developer, a new category was created for residential by the Sun Coast Section. The project was selected from several projects submitted by the organization’s members. The Sun Coast Section of the American Planning Association Florida Chapter is comprised of local planners, architects, city and county officials and others interested in the planning profession, and membership represents various West Florida counties, including Citrus, Hernando, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Manatee and Sarasota counties.