

City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

Public Art Survey Report

Re-Imagine Public Spaces

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PRESS RELEASE text:

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC) and the City of Ann Arbor are inviting residents to participate in an online survey to “re-imagine” public spaces in Ann Arbor by thinking about what would be valued and creative contributions to shared environments in our city.

AAPAC is seeking public opinion regarding the most desirable locations, projects and programs for public art and is gathering information from residents via an online survey that is available via a link on AAPAC’s website at www.a2gov.org/aapac or directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K96SWGD>. The survey data will be used to help the commission decide what types of public art projects to pursue during the next few years.

The online survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey closes February 20, 2012.

Announced: January 11, 2012

Ended: February 20, 2012

Questions

1. Are you an Ann Arbor resident?

answered question 437

skipped question 0

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| Yes | 94.7% | 414 |
| No | 5.3% | 23 * |

* all respondents answering “no” are not included in the rest of the survey results, except for the respondent counts who “answered”, or “skipped” per question

2. What neighborhood do you live in?

answered question 380 *

* any respondents who indicated a township, or a non-answer—like, “I don’t know,” are not included

3. What elementary school district do you live in?

4. What are the commonly used paths, streets, and walk-ways in your neighborhood? Or, what are the paths that you commonly use?

answered question 315

skipped question 122

5. Where are the concentrations of activity (public space/square, street corner, leisure activities, a busy intersection, etc.) in your neighborhood?

answered question 305

skipped question 132

6. What are the landmarks of your neighborhood?

answered question 264

skipped question 173

One 100.0% 264

Two 81.1% 214

Three 58.3% 154

7. What are the landmarks of Ann Arbor?

answered question 252

One 100.0% 252

Two 95.2% 240

Three 89.3% 225

Four 75.0% 189

8. Where are the public spaces in the city that would benefit from a public art project?

answered question 250

skipped question 187

9. Which city infrastructure could be improved aesthetically with public art funding?

answered question 232

skipped question 205

10. The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission is considering several public art programs that would result in several artists designing multiple works. The works would be created using the same medium, items, or themes. Please choose three preferred programs from the following:

answered question 259

skipped question 178

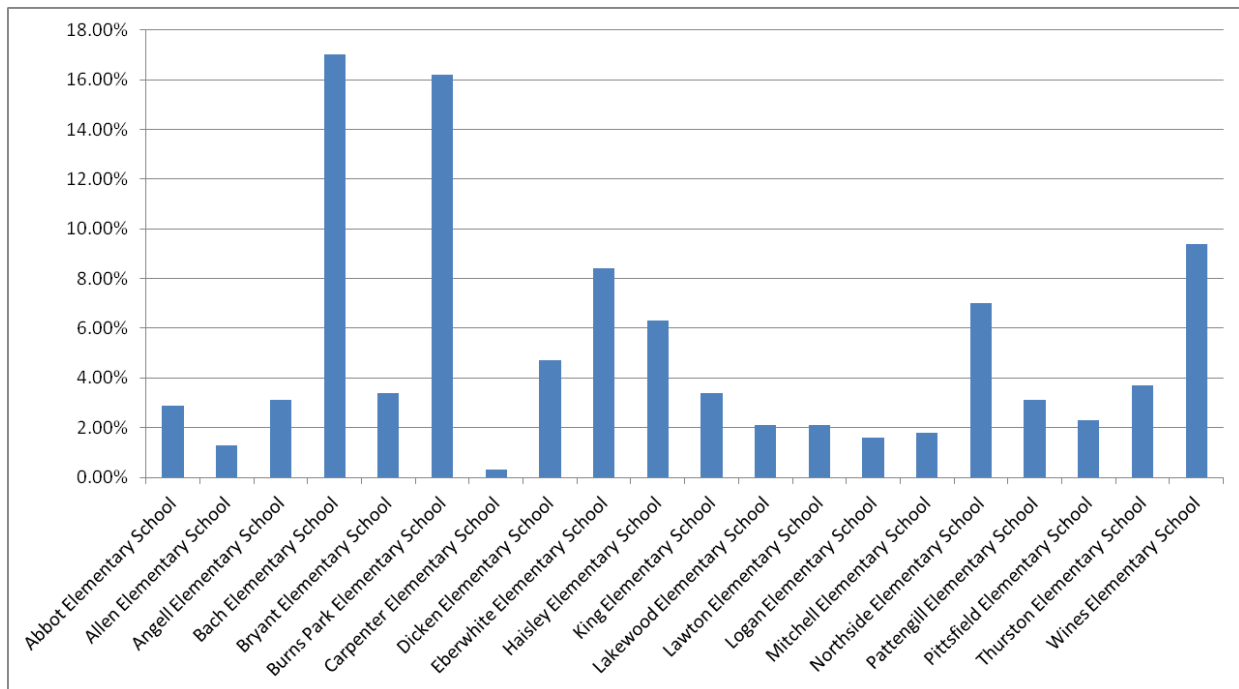
Neighborhoods and Elementary Schools

Neighborhoods with 3 or more respondents

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Old West Side | 38 |
| Lower Burns Park | 26 |
| Burns Park | 20 |
| West Side | 19 |
| Ann Arbor Hills | 16 |
| Water Hill | 14 |
| Northside | 13 |
| Northeast | 12 |
| Allmendinger | 10 |
| Downtown | 10 |
| Dexter-Miller | 8 |
| Eberwhite | 6 |
| Dicken | 5 |
| Fifth Ward | 5 |
| Georgetown | 5 |
| North Central | 5 |
| Northwest | 5 |
| Orchard Hills | 5 |
| Bryant | 4 |
| Lakewood | 4 |
| Wines | 4 |
| Broadway | 3 |
| Darlington | 3 |
| Forestbrooke | 3 |
| Haisley | 3 |
| Lower town | 3 |
| Old Fourth Ward | 3 |
| Packard/Platt | 3 |

Elementary Schools

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------|----|
| Abbot Elementary School | 2.90% | 11 |
| Allen Elementary School | 1.30% | 5 |
| Angell Elementary School | 3.10% | 12 |
| Bach Elementary School I | 7.00% | 65 |
| Bryant Elementary School | 3.40% | 13 |
| Burns Park Elementary School | 16.20% | 62 |
| Carpenter Elementary School | 0.30% | 1 |
| Dicken Elementary School | 4.70% | 18 |
| Eberwhite Elementary School | 8.40% | 32 |
| Haisley Elementary School | 6.30% | 24 |
| King Elementary School | 3.40% | 13 |
| Lakewood Elementary School | 2.10% | 8 |
| Lawton Elementary School | 2.10% | 8 |
| Logan Elementary School | 1.60% | 6 |
| Mitchell Elementary School | 1.80% | 7 |
| Northside Elementary School | 7.00% | 27 |
| Pattengill Elementary School | 3.10% | 12 |
| Pittsfield Elementary School | 2.30% | 9 |
| Thurston Elementary School | 3.70% | 14 |
| Wines Elementary School | 9.40% | 36 |



Neighborhoods Landmarks and City Landmarks

City Landmarks

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|-----------------------------|----|
| Michigan Stadium | 65 |
| Burton Tower | 59 |
| Main Street | 50 |
| Diag | 47 |
| Campus / U-M | 46 |
| Huron River | 38 |
| U-M Hospital | 35 |
| Arboretum | 33 |
| Kerrytown | 33 |
| Michigan and State Theaters | 29 |
| Downtown | 19 |
| Gallup Park | 18 |
| Zingerman's | 16 |
| Farmers Market | 14 |
| Hill Auditorium | 14 |
| City Hall / Justice Center | 12 |
| Law Quad | 12 |
| Rock | 12 |
| Ann Arbor Downtown Library | 10 |
| Arborland "A" / Arborland | 10 |
| Briarwood | 9 |
| Stadium | 9 |
| Cube | 8 |
| Hands On Museum | 8 |
| Michigan Union | 8 |
| Depot Street, Gandydancer | 6 |
| Main and Liberty | 6 |
| Nickels Arcade | 6 |
| State Street | 6 |
| Tower Plaza | 6 |
| Angell Hall | 4 |
| Argo Pond | 4 |
| Barton Dam | 4 |
| Cloud Water Tower | 4 |
| Historic Houses | 4 |
| Liberty Plaza | 4 |
| North Campus | 4 |
| Power Center | 4 |

Neighborhood Landmarks

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|-------------------------|----|
| Michigan Stadium | 18 |
| Burns Park | 17 |
| Allmendinger Park | 13 |
| none | 13 |
| West Park | 11 |
| Bach Elementary | 9 |
| Broadway Bridge | 9 |
| Washtenaw Dairy | 9 |
| YMCA | 9 |
| Eberwhite Woods | 8 |
| Pioneer High School | 8 |
| Stadium Bridges | 8 |
| Forsythe School | 7 |
| Huron River | 7 |
| Kerrytown | 7 |
| Mack School | 7 |
| Miller Park | 7 |
| Rose White Park | 7 |
| The Rock | 7 |
| Water Tower | 7 |
| Eberwhite School | 6 |
| Jefferson Market | 6 |
| Liberty Lofts | 6 |
| Wines Elementary | 6 |
| Argo Park, Canoe Livery | 5 |
| Hunt Park | 5 |
| Veterans Park | 5 |
| Big City Bakery | 4 |
| Bird Hill Nature area | 4 |
| Burns Park Elementary | 4 |
| Dicken Elementary | 4 |
| Maryfield Park | 4 |
| Northside Elementary | 4 |
| Tappan Middle School | 4 |
| Zingerman's | 4 |

Where are the public spaces in the city that would benefit from a public art project?

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| Parks | 27 |
| None | 25 |
| Main Street | 23 |
| Library Parking Structure | 19 |
| Liberty Square Plaza | 16 |
| Downtown / Downtown Streets | 15 |
| Entrances to City / Gateways / Major Streets | 14 |
| Gallop Park | 13 |
| Library | 11 |
| AATA Downtown Transit Center | 10 |
| Farmer's Market | 10 |
| Huron River | 10 |
| Pedestrian Corners / Public Spaces along Sidewalks & Streets | 9 |
| Argo Dam / Park / Livery | 8 |
| Kerrytown | 8 |
| Parking Structures / Parking Lots | 8 |
| Stadium Bridge | 8 |
| Veterans Memorial Park | 8 |
| State Street | 7 |
| RR Overpass | 6 |
| Burns Park | 5 |
| Bus Stops | 5 |
| Diag | 5 |
| Federal Building | 5 |
| Neighborhood Parks / Neighborhoods | 5 |
| Pioneer High School | 5 |
| Broadway Bridge | 4 |
| City Hall | 4 |
| Islands | 4 |
| Murals in Downtown Alleys | 4 |
| Planters | 4 |
| Public Schools | 4 |
| Washtenaw | 4 |
| West Park | 4 |

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| Arb | 3 |
| Ashley | 3 |
| Bridges | 3 |
| Interactive Art | 3 |
| State and Liberty | 3 |
| Washtenaw and Stadium | 3 |
| Westgate | 3 |
| Wheeler Park | 3 |
| 415 W Washington | 2 |
| Allen Creek Valley | 2 |
| Allmendinger Park | 2 |
| Arborland | 2 |
| Bandemer Park | 2 |
| Bryant neighborhood | 2 |
| County Farm Park | 2 |
| Ellsworth | 2 |
| Fuller Park | 2 |
| Jackson Road | 2 |
| Lowertown | 2 |
| Main and Huron | 2 |
| Maple | 2 |
| North Campus | 2 |
| Playground | 2 |
| Scheffler Park | 2 |
| Sides of Buildings | 2 |
| South State | 2 |
| State and N University | 2 |
| Train Station | 2 |
| Wurster Park | 2 |
| YMCA | 2 |

Which city infrastructure could be improved aesthetically with public art funding?

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| None | 26 |
| Parking Structures / Parking Lots | 26 |
| Library | 16 |
| Don't know | 13 |
| Library Parking Structure | 13 |
| Main Street | 13 |
| City Hall | 9 |
| Sidewalks | 9 |
| Parks | 9 |
| Anything | 8 |
| RR Overpass | 8 |
| Stadium Bridge | 8 |
| AATA Transportation Center | 7 |
| Bus Shelters / Bus Stops | 7 |
| Bridges | 6 |
| Entrances to the City | 6 |
| Streets | 6 |
| Blake Transit Center | 5 |
| Murals | 5 |
| State St | 5 |
| buildings | 4 |
| Bus Shelters / Bus Stops | 4 |
| 415 Washington | 3 |
| Alleys | 3 |
| Bike Racks | 3 |
| Downtown | 3 |
| Farmer's Market | 3 |
| Justice Center | 3 |
| Kerrytown | 3 |
| Lighting | 3 |
| Pedestrian access across RR | 3 |
| Planters | 3 |
| Post Office | 3 |
| S State | 3 |

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| Community Participatory Projects | 40.9% | 106 |
| Bus Stops/Shelters | 59.5% | 154 |
| Pedestrian Crosswalk designs | 54.4% | 141 |
| Custom Sewer Caps/ Manhole Covers | 17.8% | 46 |
| Street Banners | 16.6% | 43 |
| Street Furniture | 54.4% | 141 |
| Wayfinding Signs | 21.6% | 56 |
| Fire Hydrant painting | 21.2% | 55 |
| Other (please specify) | | 106 |

Selections from "other":

A metal tree forest similar to Chicago/Grant Park b/c Ann Arbor is Tree City

A sculpture park in Bryant Neighborhood. One of the pieces should allow for water sprinklers, so that it can enjoy a dual function.

benches. look at what Santa Rosa has done with its literature/music inspired benches!

btw crosswalk designs should be standardized so drivers will be more likely to recognize them -- cf Britain's "Zebra Crossings"

campaign to stop graffiti

C'mon, cutting edge fantastic sculpture is what we need.

Dual Purpose installations. I've seen giant flower-shaped umbrellas w/ power outlets and lights along city streets; benches that enclose tree plantings rather than the photo of street furniture shown here.

Facade for abandoned buildings (Wash Co Road Comm Bldg)

Flowers, plants by city entrances; a decent "Welcome to Ann Arbor" sign, "home of the wolverines", something - please! (items listed above are tacky)

garbage/recycling containers (or things that could hide areas where they are kept, including those owned by businesses, such as those frequently on the sidewalk on State just north of Liberty)

Greenway

greenway elements, bridges and tunnels

Have weeds/grass pulled throughout the city!

Huron River corridor theme

Lightposts

Median repairs, plantings, or just maintenance!

more benches

More Green space, places to sit down and enjoy the view.

More planters and full size trees

mosaic installations (see Olivia Gude's work in Chicago)

Murals

Murals

MURALS on building

Murals on sides of buildings

Murals or Mosaics on sides of buildings, Windpower or other community benefited projects that are painted by school kids or community members

Painted large trash containers on Campus, State and Main St areas.

Parking Meters

Playground equipment

railroad bridges , private historical structures...

Sculpture at Interstate entrances to Ann Arbor

Sculpture in Arbor Oaks Park- perhaps a water feature

sculptures

Something large downtown that would rival Cloud Gate in Chicago

something that utilizes the beautiful trees and their height and strength

Statues of historic figures, historic information displays

the brickwork sidewalks along liberty were nice and decorative, bring those back.

the utility covers should become public fountains during floods. With LED lighting. Seriously - it would be safer and a lovely kind of spontaneous art.

The walkway between the planned "Varsity" residential housing development on East Washington and the pedestrian walkway across the street leading to East Liberty (just east of the Liberty Square parking structure [Talley Hall]) will be essential to completing a pedestrian walkway extending from East Huron to East Liberty.

Think larger! These things you listed should have good design already. How about some sculptures, fountains, murals, mosaics?

To be able to cross the highway over I-94 with a side walk would be grand!!!!!!

Traffic control box painting

Turn Main Street into a walking street, closed to traffic, allow street performers, artists, musicians to perform, exhibit, etc.

Utility poles decorated with art rather than paper posters (provide maintained kiosks for the paper).