

Dimondale, Michigan
POCKET PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT
Request for Qualifications
Submission Deadline: September 13, 2021, at 5:00 pm

The Dimondale Arts Commission announces a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a new public art project, funded by the Village of Dimondale. This premiere project for the Arts Commission will be installed at the pocket park located at the corner of Bridge and Jefferson Streets in Dimondale.

Nestled on the banks of the Grand River, Dimondale is a quaint village with history and charm. The river is the village's heart and the artwork should ideally be inspired by the surrounding water and symbolic of its heritage. Art should be compelling and aesthetically prominent in the space.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The pocket park at the intersection of Bridge and Jefferson Streets has been a focal point at that location since the early 1990s with significant traffic and a rich history. In 1998 the community came together and buried a time capsule in this space to celebrate its Sesquicentennial.

With the establishment of a new Arts Commission, the idea of enhancing the Pocket Park was conceived. The vision of a public art installation in this conspicuous location would enrich the park and streetscape, reflect a sense of pride, and introduce the Arts Commission to the community. The concept is widely embraced by the Village Council and funds to move forward with this project were included in the Village's 2021-22 budget.

ELIGIBILITY

The RFQ is open to all professional artists and/or artist-led teams, based in Michigan. Interested artists will have demonstrated the capacity in innovative place-making and are welcome to propose work in all media and materials that meet the "ARTWORK CRITERIA" and are durable and suitable for Michigan's variable climate including salt and ice melt. A completed RFQ submission including the artist's biography and portfolio (maximum 5 high resolution photos) is required.

PROJECT BUDGET

The commission budget is \$8,500. Budget is inclusive of all artist's fees, travel, design, engineering, insurance, permits, signage, fabrication, labor, shipping, and installation. The foundation will be provided.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Issue Call for Artists RFQ: August 9, 2021

RFQ Application Submittal Deadline: September 13, 2021

Finalists Selection and Notification: September 20 - 27, 2021

Finalists Site Visit Performed: on artist's own time and coordinated with a member of the Arts Commission

Finalists Full and Complete Proposals Due: November 12, 2021, by 5:00 pm.

Finalists In-Person Interviews and Presentation: November 15, 2021, from 7 pm -8:30 pm (in person or Zoom)

Artist Chosen: December 6, 2021

Artist Contracting Process Completed: December 31, 2021

Fabrication and Installation: Date subject to weather conditions and no later than May 1, 2022

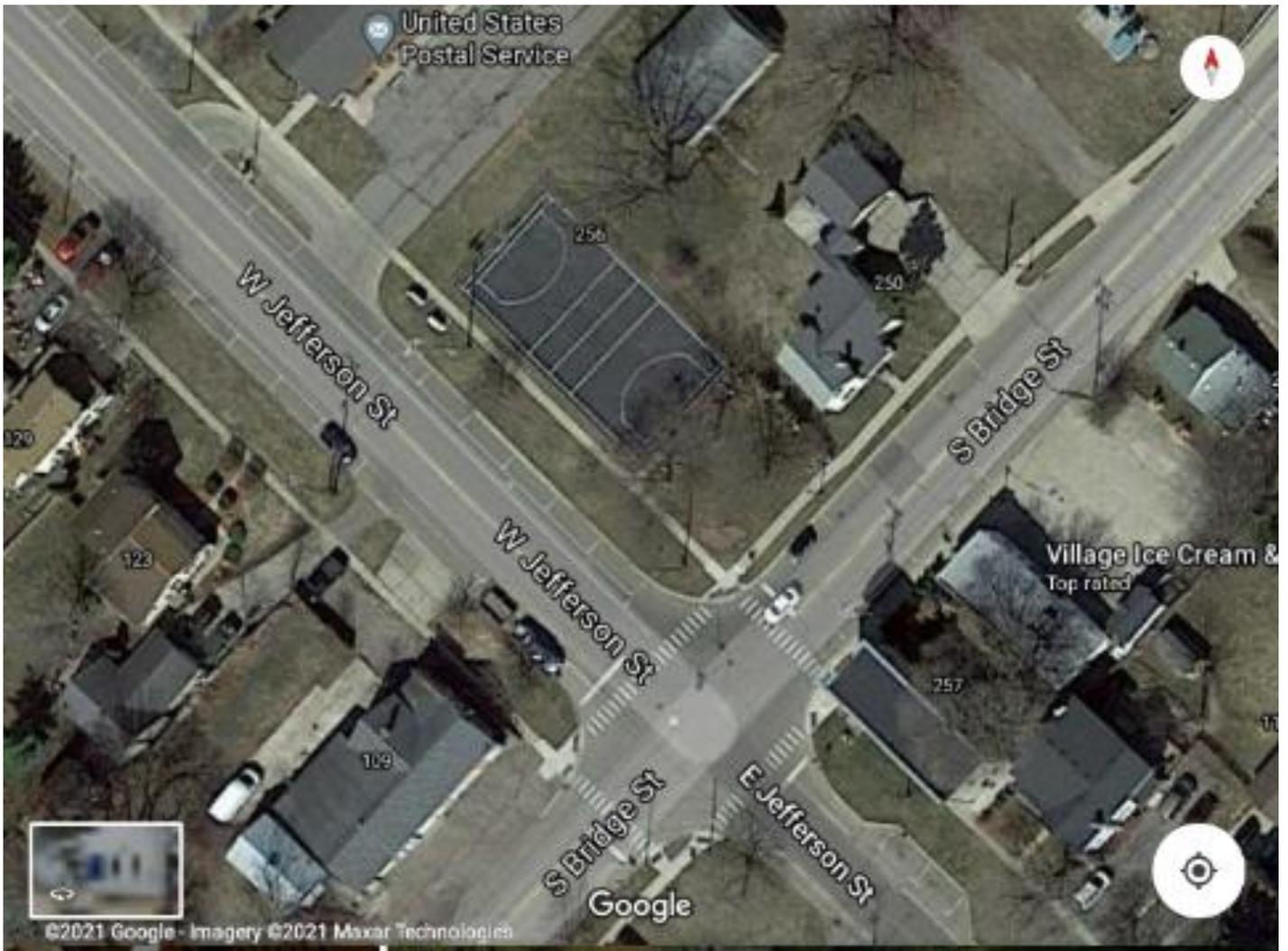
Project Completion and Unveiling: Spring 2022

ARTWORK CRITERIA

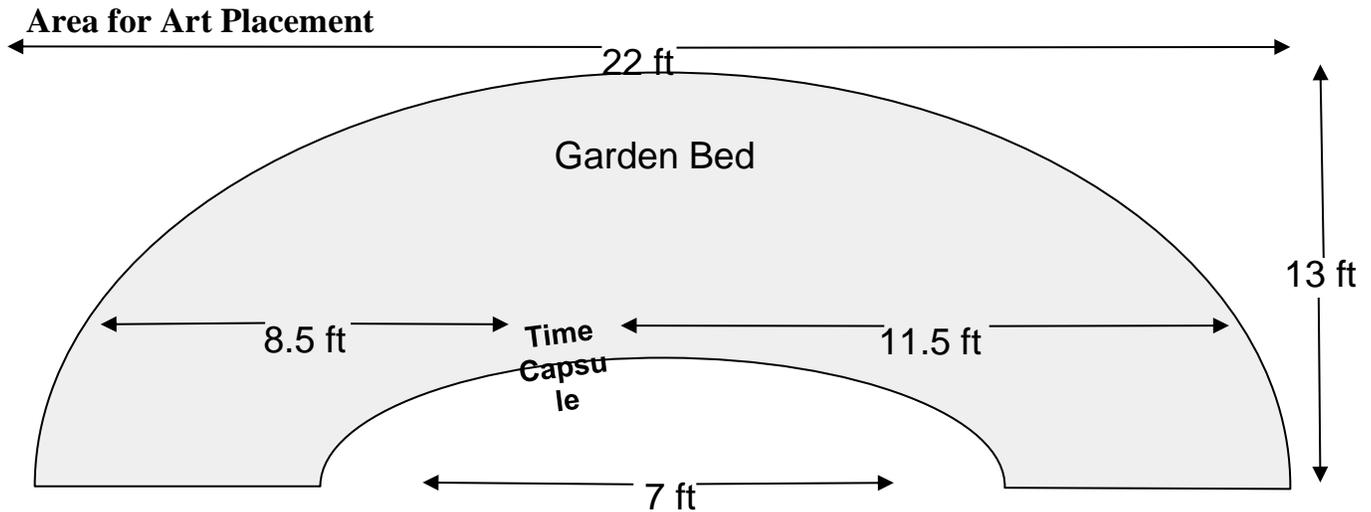
- Up to ten feet tall
- Up to five feet wide
- Constructed with durable four-season materials
- Limited maintenance
- No lighting
- No water supply needed
- Maintain access to time capsule
- Three feet from sidewalks
- Cannot impede visibility for road traffic
- Must have 360-degree visibility

To see larger images, visit DimondaleArts.org

Address Link: [256 S Bridge St, Dimondale, MI 48821](https://www.google.com/maps/place/256+S+Bridge+St,+Dimondale,+MI+48821)







Note: Measurements are approximate. Public art site is the current flower garden area shown. Art installation will replace existing plantings.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Representatives from the Arts Commission will serve on the review committee to select the finalist based on the materials submitted. The selection of the finalists will be based on the following criteria:

- Artist's consideration of and experience in creating artwork of this size and scope.
- Artist's professional experience represents a developed and successful body of site-specific public art projects of a similar scope as demonstrated by visual documentation.
- Ability to understand sense of place and design in a context sensitive manner as demonstrated by visual documentation.
- Willingness of the artist to consult and work with the Arts Commission to successfully integrate the work into the site and meet any construction requirements, schedules and deadlines.
- Ensure that the artwork will be of a permanent nature, does not require excessive maintenance or repair costs and meets public safety issues and Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

FINALIST(S)

No more than three finalists will be invited and required to visit the site for an orientation prior to November 12, 2021, at 5:00 pm. The site visit is meant to orient the artists with the project and to ask questions to finalize design and installation plans in a formal conceptual proposal. A member of the Dimondale Arts Commission will be available.

Each finalist will be paid a \$500 stipend for their participation.

On November 12 by 5:00 pm, finalists must submit their final proposals. [If necessary: On November 15, at 7:00 pm, the finalists may present their conceptual proposals to the Dimondale Arts Commission in person.] The site-specific conceptual proposals should convey the artist's ideas and plans through scale designs, renderings and/or scale models with a statement that describes, in detail, the project's intent, proposed materials, fabrication and installation methods, project schedule and an itemized budget.

All written materials and a color rendering of the concept must be emailed to the Dimondale Arts Commission by November 12 at 5:00 pm at dimondalemanager@gmail.com.

ARTIST'S COMMISSIONED WORK AGREEMENT

The selected artist/team will enter into a two-party Agreement between the Village of Dimondale and the artist/team to complete a transfer of ownership. The selected artist/team will be required to provide General Liability and other insurance as specified in the Agreement.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application: The Application for this RFQ can be found at DimondaleArts.org. The Dimondale Arts Commission will accept responses for the RFQ at dimondalemanager@gmail.com.

Deadline: The application, images and other required materials must be submitted electronically by September 13, 2021, by 5:00 pm.

Contact: For any questions, please contact us at dimondalemanager@gmail.com or 517-646-0230.

The Dimondale Arts Commission reserves the right to reject any or all applications, to reissue the Request for Qualifications, or to terminate the selection process or project at any time without prior notice. Projects shall not be initiated until legal requirements are approved by the Arts Commission and the Village Council.