



Cloud Lilies. Nova Jiang. 2023. Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center.



ARTS & SCIENCE COUNCIL

ASC + Public Art Commission Annual Board of County Commissioner's Report Fiscal Year 2025

March 5, 2025

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* Commissioners completing their second consecutive term

Background Image: *Aquifer*. Masayuki Nagase. 2010. Little Sugar Creek Greenway.

Public Art Commission Responsibilities

Recommend the Annual Work Plan to the Board of County Commissioners

Chair the Artist Selection Panels

Review and approve Artist Selection Panel recommendations

Approve all public art designs for Mecklenburg County

Represent the PAC at community meetings, dedications and special events

Ensure community outreach and citizen participation in the public art program

Monitor the overall development of the Public Art Collection-ensure that local and regional artist representation, balance over time, with respect to ethnicity and gender of artists selected, styles of expression, media and genre



Public Art Program: Facts and Statistics

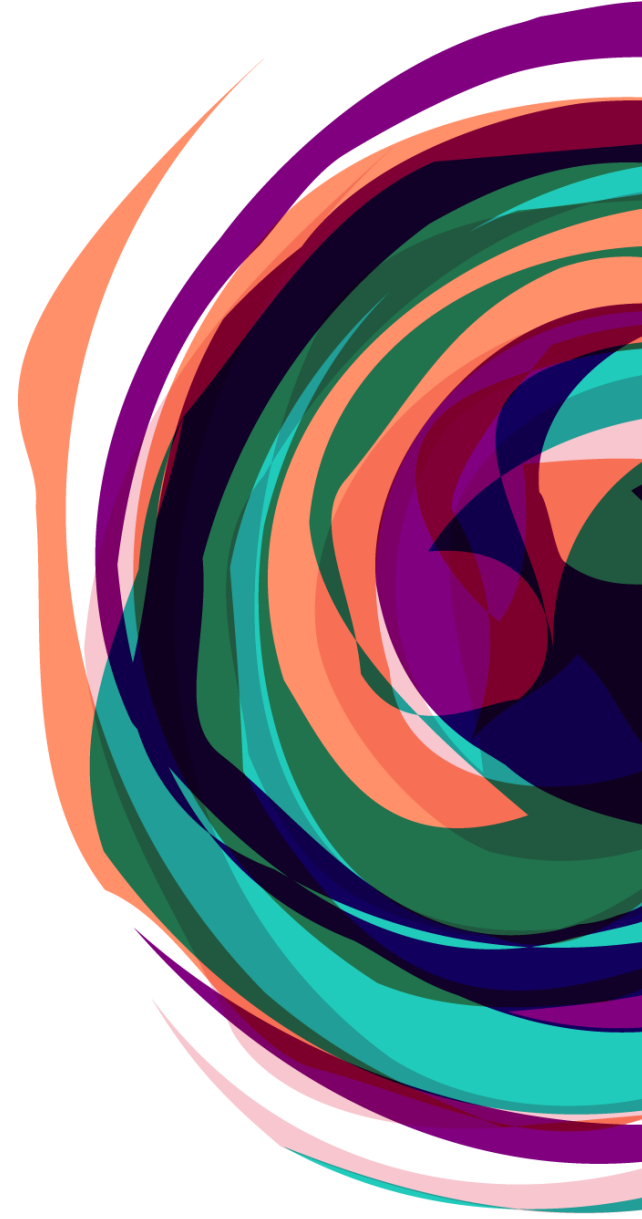
ASC Program Management for the:

- County
 - City
 - Airport
- Mecklenburg County 1% For Art Ordinance adopted on December 17, 2002.
 - Ordinance appropriates 1% of eligible capital improvement project funds for public art. 1% allocations are split 85% for Art Fees and 15% for ASC Administrative Fees.
 - ASC Scope: Planning, artist selection, contracting, community engagement, facilitation of fabrication and installation.
 - **203** Completed Projects to Date (County, City, Private)
 - Total Mecklenburg County Investment: **\$7,789,343+**
 - Total Mecklenburg County Projects: **89**
 - Total North Carolina Artists Commissioned for Mecklenburg County Projects: **49**



Of the Trees and of the Sky. Maja Godlewska. 2021.
Northern Regional Recreation Center.

Mecklenburg County In- Progress Public Art Projects



DISCOVERY PLACE NATURE MUSEUM



Location: 1658 Sterling Rd

District: County – 5; City – 1

Art Budget: \$115,600

Project Scope: Site integrated sculpture

Media: Milled lumber, painted steel

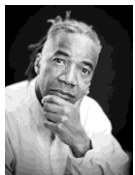
Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Fabrication

CIP: Fiscal Year 2019

Anticipated Install: Winter 2026

Project Managers: Todd Stewart/Randella Davis



Walter Hood, Artist
(Hood Design Studio,
Principal)

Artist Statement: “A Couple of Trees” serve as an entry gateway beacon for the museum. Whimsical and evocative, “a Couple of Trees”, mark the evolution of the site ecology whilst welcoming visitors to the new museum and outdoor exhibits. Through the reuse of salvaged wood branches from the Discovery Place site clearing and pruning process, “a Couple of Trees” memorializes the site’s successional landscape.

MAIN LIBRARY



Artist's Final Design Rendering (detail)



Acrylic tile design samples (detail)

Location: 310. N. Tryon St

District: County – 4; City – 1

Art Budget: \$460,700

Project Scope: Grand Lobby Wall Artwork

Media: Wood Panels and Mirrored Acrylic

Category: Asset & Facility Management Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Status: Fabrication

CIP: Fiscal Year 2020

Anticipated Install: Summer 2026

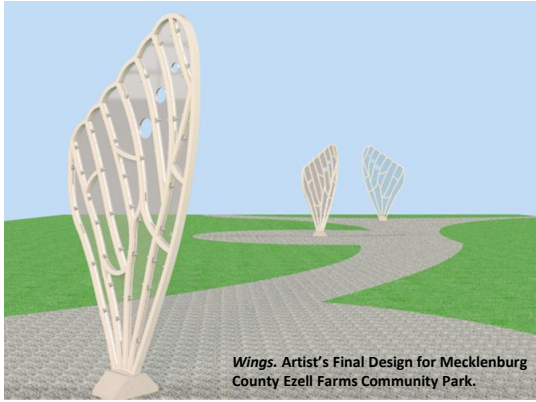
Project Manager: Todd Stewart



Tiff Massey, Artist

Artist Statement: This artwork is a reflection of my experience, inspired by the city's dynamic urban biology, the ever-evolving history etched into its streets, and the energy of its residents. Quilt Code 7 contributes to the design of its future, weaving threads of inspiration from my art practice into the fabric of the city. Quilt Codes are self-reflections, a mirror that holds not only my experiences but also the stories and histories of Charlotteans.

EZELL FARMS COMMUNITY PARK



Location: 4101 Mintwood Road, Mint Hill

District: County – 6; City – NA

Art Budget: \$122,501 (\$73,100 + 49,401)

Project Scope: Integrated, free-standing sculptures

Media: Polycarbonate, powder coating

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Fabrication

CIP: Fiscal Year 2019, 2021

Anticipated Install: May 2025

Project Manager: Randella Davis



Meredith Connolly,
Local Artist,
Regional Artist
Directory

Artist Statement: “Wings” is based on the wing segments of an American Painted Lady butterfly and will use translucent materials to engage the light of the sun, casting patterned shadows that will move and shift as the day passes. A series of three wing-like structures will be embedded into the ground, appearing to emerge from the earth, inspired by pollinators that inhabit the land, the gloriously structural elements of butterfly wings, and the ancient approach of using the sun to tell time.

IRWIN CREEK GREENWAY



Location: 6000 Statesville Rd (Nevin Community Park)

District: County – 3; City – 2

Art Budget: \$102,000

Project Scope: Free-standing sculpture

Media: Steel, galvanized wire rope, thermoformed Acrylite Premium

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Ready for Installation

CIP: Fiscal Year 2020

Anticipated Install: April 2026

Project Manager: Randella Davis



Rachel Dickey,
Local Artist

Artist Statement: “Suspended Offering” is a custom fabricated wire canopy with 600 transparent collection suspended vessels that collect morning dew and fallen items from the trees above. As a means of coexisting with the natural surroundings, the vessels gather and adapt to the changing seasons and the natural environment. They collect and highlight with a transparent glow, frost in the winter, fallen leaves in autumn, raindrops in the spring, and sprigs of green in summer. Artist collaboration with design team for plaza design.

LONG CREEK GREENWAY



Location: 9841 Northlake Centre Parkway

District: County – 1; City – 4

Art Budget: \$131,750

Project Scope: Free-standing sculpture

Media: TBD

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Community Engagement

Anticipated Install: TBD

Project Managers: Todd Stewart/Randella Davis



Studio KCA/Jason
Klimoski

Description: The artist will create freestanding artwork/s to be sited in a designated space between the vehicular roadway and the greenway trail. This location will be highly visible to vehicular traffic and pedestrians. The artwork will serve as a wayfinding element, acting as an unofficial trailhead to the Long Creek Greenway Northlake Parkway Centre entrance.

MAIN LIBRARY + SPIRIT SQUARE



Location: Duke Energy Theater Courtyard, 301 North Tryon St

District: County – 4; City – 1

Art Budget: \$340,000

Project Scope: TBD

Media: TBD

Category: Asset and Facility Management

Status: Contract Execution

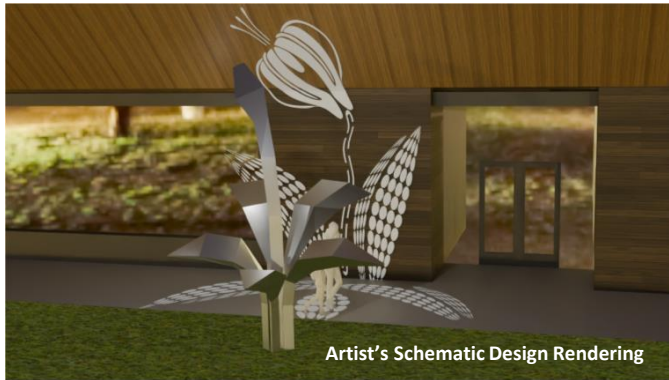
Anticipated Install: TBD

Project Manager: Todd Stewart

Artist TBD

Description: The Duke Energy Theater Courtyard is an open-air courtyard occupying a space that evokes the multiple intersections of life, history, and place of Charlotte. The space has direct adjacency to, and visibility of, the shared lobby with the New Main Library and the historic exterior façade of the Duke Energy Theater. There is great potential for experiences that are immersive, site-specific, and flexible to accommodate other programs and activities. Artists with experience working in a broad range of materials, including but not limited to light and sound, and processes will be considered for this opportunity.

PARK RD PARK



Location: 6220 Park Rd

District: County – 5; City – 6

Art Budget: \$70,173

Project Scope: Free-standing sculpture

Media: Stainless steel

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Final Design

Anticipated Install: July 2025

Project Managers: Randella Davis



Oliver Lewis,
Local Artist
Regional Artist
Directory

Artist Statement: The state of North Carolina has one of the most unique wildflowers that could be the centerpiece of any bouquet. *Lilium michauxii*, commonly known as the Carolina lily, is the state's official wildflower. The anatomy of the flower and plant became central to the design of my artwork. During the day stands a stainless-steel low poly construction of the Carolina Lily's budding stage, and at night, lights within cast a display of a flower in full bloom and leaves at the height of maturity.

NAOMI DRENAN RECREATION CENTER



Location: 750 Beal St

District: County – 5; City – 6

Art Budget: \$63,750

Project Scope: Exterior Mural

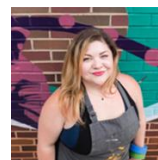
Media: Exterior acrylic paint, spray paint, anti-graffitti sealant

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Ready for Installation

Anticipated Install: April 2025

Project Manager: Randella Davis



Bree Stallings,
Local Artist
Regional Artist Directory

Artist Statement: The motifs chosen are the visual interpretation of the community's feedback representing the sunshine after a tumultuous storm; planting, growing and harvesting of food to share. There are multi-generational learning experiences included in the design as well as raindrops/tears fertilizing the soil making room for new prosperity. In addition, silhouettes of recreational activities that occur at the center are present, creating a place for safety, experimentation and community building.

EASTLAND PARK



Location: 5471 Central Ave

District: County – 6; City – NA

Art Budget: \$136,432

Project Scope: Integrated artworks

Media: TBD

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Contract Execution

Anticipated Install: Fall 2026

Project Manager: Todd Stewart



Anna Dean,
Local Artist

Description: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is designing a new ~4.5 acre urban park in East Charlotte, NC on the site of the Eastland Yards development and former Eastland Mall.

The selected artist/s will be asked to create a public artwork that can serve as a unique, integrated design feature of Eastland Park. This artwork should demonstrate themes of history, fitness, and strengthening community. The Eastland Park multi-sport court has been identified as the artwork site, the artist/s will be active in directing the design and preparation of the site/s.

LATTA PLACE



Visitors walking towards historic structures at Latta Place, provided by The Design Minds, Inc.

Location: 5225 Sample Rd, Huntersville

District: County – 1; City – NA

Art Budget: \$121,957

Project Scope: Integrated design

Media: TBD

Category: Park and Recreation

Status: Artist Selection

Anticipated Install: TBD

Project Manager: Randella Davis

Description: Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is designing a new visitor center at Latta Place that will host exhibit space, restrooms, a gift store, staff offices, and programming space. New trails will make the historic and recreated structures physically accessible to all visitors. The selected artist will have the opportunity to create an integrated artwork, freestanding sculpture, or series of sculptures that can provide visitors with an opportunity to pause and reflect on the powerful, emotional connections and perspectives reflective of the enslaved people's experience.

Artist, TBD

**Mecklenburg County
Completed Public Art
Projects**



Project: Torrence Creek Tributary

Title: “State of Flow”

Location: Underpass at Trailhead Entrance -
Huntersville Gateway Park and
Ride Huntersville, NC

District: County – 1
City – NA

Art Budget: \$255,000

Project Scope: Programmed Static Lighting in
Pedestrian Tunnel

Media: GoBo Projectors and Colorblast
Powercore gen4 Lighting Fixtures

Category: Park and Recreation

CIP: Fiscal Year 2020

Installed: June 2024

Project Manager: Randella Davis



Adam Buente, Artist
(Project One Studio, Principal)

Artist’s Statement:

“State of Flow” is an artwork concerning Huntersville’s history, culture, and sources of water. Lake Norman, Torrence Creek, and McDowell Creek influence the lives and prosperity of the residents of Huntersville. Project One Studio’s artwork celebrates this important resource by merging abstract representations of movement, liquidity, and ephemerality into an immersive light installation.

Maps of local water bodies were used to create the flowing line graphics projected onto the tunnel walls. The various designs call to mind a flock of birds, climbing vines, the speckled layout of the wetlands, or the flow of the creeks and rivers. The lights that make up the graphic are all individually unique, but they come together to form a cohesive whole, much like the Huntersville community.

State of Flow, also references achieving a flow state of mind while exercising, performing activities on the trail, or observing the natural beauty of the area.

Project: Druid Hills Park

Title: “Love Never Loses its Way Home”

Location: 2801 Poinsett St

District: County – 3
City – 1

Art Budget: \$33,500

Project Scope: Integrated low-relief mural and linear street mural

Media: Digital print on custom ceramic tiles; Preformed Thermoplastic

Category: Park and Recreation

CIP: Fiscal Year 2020

Installed: May/June 2024

Project Manager: Randella Davis



Mural Detail



Monique Luck, Local Artist
Regional Artist Directory

Artist’s Statement:

“Love Never Loses Its Way Home” celebrates the resiliency of the Druid Hills Community. The expressive image of the tree included in the mural references a tree previously growing in the center of the park. Its roots run deep, as deep as the sense of community pride in Druid Hills. The lively colors highlight the vibrancy of the community. Images of hands throughout the tree lift the community and strengthen it.

The Roddey Avenue Street Mural flowing in front of the pavilion represents water. Water nourishes the park, the trees, the garden, and in turn nourishes the community as it evolves and grows.

Project: Storm Water Flood Markers

Title: “Diver”

Location: Mallard Creek Greenway; possible additional locations

District: County – 4
City – 2

Art Budget: \$39,000

Project Scope: Free-standing Sculpture

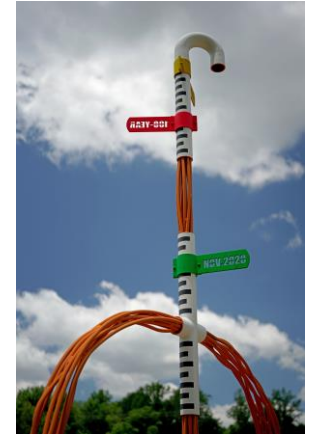
Media: Steel, paint

Category: Park and Recreation

CIP: Fiscal Year 2020

Installed: April 2024

Project Manager: Todd Stewart



Detail



Marek Ranis, Local Artist
Regional Artist Directory

Artist’s Statement:

“Diver,” a large-scale and abstracted human head with a 12 ft snorkel is intended to warn and educate Mecklenburg County residents about the possible floods in their community. Through a sense of humor and a level of absurdity. Diver is using humor and a sense of surprise to create a memorable experience, provide an opportunity for a funny photoshoot but also a moment of pause and understanding of the potential environmental conditions that the Mecklenburg County Creek system at large may be facing. Diver design allows for easy replication and installation, with water marks/rings open for possible customization for various locations.

Fiscal Year 2026 Public Art Planning

CIP Project	Site Address	1% Allocation	85% Art Budget	Notes
Community Resource Center (EAST)	TBD	\$1,133,000	\$963,050	
Wallace Pruitt Recreation Center	501 S Bruns Ave, Charlotte	\$36,907	\$31,371	
Colonel Francis Beatty Park	4330 Weddington Rd, Matthews	\$20,093	\$17,079	
McDowell Greenway	Gilead Rd to Beatties Ford Rd	\$190,859	\$162,230	
Bryant Park	1701 W Morehead St	\$96,528	\$82,049	
Ribbon Walk Nature Preserve	4601 Nevin Rd	\$117,811	\$100,139	
Briar Creek Greenway	Central Ave to Monroe Rd	\$113,272	\$96,281	
Rozelles Ferry and Hay Market Nature Preserves	Mt. Island Lake	\$74,573	\$63,387	

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