

Application for Art on Trunk Highway Right of Way

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will use the application information you provide to review your proposal for the placement of art on trunk highway right of way, consistent with [MnDOT Policy No. OP007](#), Effective Date November 28, 2018. Policy No. OP007 provides details on the application process, art selection criteria, financial responsibilities, Visual Artists Rights Act rights, artist and sponsor recognition, maintenance, and criteria for art modification, removal, and disposal.

For questions or additional information regarding this application or the Art on the Trunk Highway Right of Way Policy or process, please contact the appropriate [MnDOT District Contact for Art on Trunk Highway Right of Way](#), the [Director of the Office of Environmental Stewardship](#), or the [Director of the Office of Bridge](#). The appropriate MnDOT District Office for each proposed art project is determined by the geographic area in which the proposed art will be located. Please refer to this list of [Local MnDOT Offices](#) or the [MnDOT District Map](#) to determine the proper MnDOT District Office to process this application.

PLEASE NOTE: Approved applicants will be required to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with MnDOT prior to the installation or placement of art on the trunk highway right of way. All art installed or placed on the trunk highway right of way will be a donation to, and become the property of, MnDOT.

Please save this application form to your computer or mobile device, complete the application form, and send the completed application form and related documentation to the appropriate MnDOT District Office. All submitted applications, including related and requested documentation, may be subject to disclosure under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13.

Applicant (Political Subdivision, State Agency or Tribal Government Only)		
1. Agency: Ramsey County Parks & Recreation	2. Contact First Name: Kristopher	3. Contact Last Name: Lencowski
4. Contact Phone Number: 651-266-0330	5. Contact Email Address: Kristopher.Lencowski@ramseycounty.us	
Sponsor (If Applicable)		
6. Agency/organization:	7. Contact First Name:	8. Contact Last Name:
9. Contact Phone Number:	10. Contact Email Address:	
Artist(s)		
11. Name of Artist and/or Studio (If Applicable):	12. Contact First Name: Aleya	13. Contact Last Name: Berry
14. Contact Phone Number: [REDACTED]	15. Contact Email Address: [REDACTED]	
Project		
16. Identify the proposed location of the artwork. (Please include city, proximity to roadways or landmarks, and any other pertinent information.) Placement should be as far away from the traveled roadway as possible.		

17. Provide a detailed description of artwork, including community and location context and significance, description of materials, colors, shapes, identifying features, and distinguishing characteristics. (In addition to this description, please attach sketch or picture if available.)

A trail for Keller Regional Park goes under Highway 61 between Roselawn & County Road B in Maplewood at this location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tQGas5XA4sdwec8VA>. Ramsey County has an artist interested in painting a mural on the slope next to the trail underneath Highway 61. Since this trail goes under the highway, art has the potential to brighten up and create a welcoming atmosphere in a darker area of the park.

The artwork is along the trail that Ramsey County Parks & Recreation manages, and is not seen by the drivers on the highway. The mural would be 20' tall by 50' wide centered on the angled section of pavers north of the trail.



Keller Regional Park is an important park to the local neighborhood and as a regional park, it serves a regional audience. The park has seven park shelters that host many events and gatherings for the community, as well as opportunities for fishing, hiking, and biking. An archery range is located nearby, as well as a brand new court for tuj lub, a hmong top spinning game, set to open in May, 2025, and the courts and associated picnic shelter will feature art by local artist Kao Lee. This is the perfect opportunity to expand the reach of art in the park, as a way of welcoming and creating a sense of belonging for underserved communities.

The concept sketch of the art that would be placed onsite is pictured below, and is the best way to describe the art. Additional artist experience and example works are attached.



18. Outline the proposed art project schedule.

Once receiving approval, work would start in May or June, and painting would last approximately 2 weeks.

19. Describe the completed public engagement and review process.

The location, concept design and artist examples of work were presented to the Ramsey County Parks & Recreation Park Commission, an advisory group made up of residents spread geographically throughout the county by commissioner district, as well two at-large members who provide community voice to Parks & Recreation activities. This received strong support from the Park Commission. The artists are also part of the community surrounding the park and would engage community in the painting of the mural.

Maintenance

20. Provide a detailed maintenance plan, including a description of maintenance activities, a maintenance schedule, and contact information for entity responsible for maintenance.

Paint used is nontoxic latex paint. The pavers would be cleaned using standard a standard power washer prior to painting.

During the painting process, biologs can be used to prevent paint spread outside of work area in the event of paint spills.

An anti-graffiti coating, such as MuralShield, can be used to protect the art piece.

Park staff routinely inspect park property, daily in the summer months and weekly in the winter months. Detailed inspection will occur yearly. Inspections will look for graffiti as well as signs of chipping or flaking. Graffiti and other damage can be managed as part of the county's overall park maintenance plan. The artists will also have the option of retouching any portions that may need care. At the end of life, protective surfaces would be removed following manufacturer specifications using a Controlled Delamination procedure. If residue remains, painting over the area with a solid color can help to restore the pavers. Efforts would be made to ensure removal does not impact surrounding natural resources. The Ramsey County Park Department can be the primary contact for issues: 651-266-0300, Parks@ramseycounty.us

21. Lifespan Expectation: **The lifespan of this piece would be approximately 5-10 years.**

Costs

22. Cost Estimate: **\$1,000**

23. Source of Funding: **The artists are currently seeking grants. As a backup, existing park donation funds from Ramsey County will be used.**

24. Source of Maintenance Funding: **Operating budget**

Attachments

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver of Moral Rights Pursuant to Visual Artists Rights Act |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public engagement documentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Artist's statement and description of the proposed art project |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final detailed plan set (R/W, existing utilities, structural details and maintenance plan) **see above | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Calculations |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Details on installation, maintenance, removal, disposal **see above | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance plan, 24/7 maintenance contacts |

This Application for Art on the Trunk Highway Right of Way is: ☐ **Approved** ☐ **Denied**

Print Name of District Engineer

Signature of District Engineer

Date signed

