

CBO Community Locations

City of Rahway

This CBO is interested in visual arts proposals for a mural. No proposals for solely performative works will be advanced for this site, however, proposals that include performances and/or other community engagement (in person or virtual community meeting, in person or virtual workshop, collaboration with a local organization, oral archive, performance, celebration, demonstration, etc.) along with 2D/mural proposals will be eagerly considered.

The City of Rahway is a city in southern Union County located along the navigable Rahway River. It was an industrial and artisanal craft city for much of its history, reinventing itself in recent years as a diverse regional hub for the arts. The Rahway River watershed suffers from frequent flooding, and a portion of the river is impacted by the tides of the ocean. In recent years, the impact of climate change has produced stronger storms and hurricanes that can result in the river flooding.

They are seeking an artist to design and install a mural focused on elevating awareness of the risks of climate change, advance resilience planning efforts in Rahway and neighboring communities, and nurture the artistic nature of the City. The City has multiple space options for the mural. Possible project locations are as follows:

- 1.The Paseo: A previously empty and neglected public space that is now known as the alley with The Wings and is used for community events including summer concerts and the Drag Queen Story Hour. In 2021, the Rahway River Watershed Association (RRWA), an environmental and conservation organization, completed a stunning mural of a mermaid on one of the other walls of the Paseo.
- 2.The Rahway Arts District Park: An artist-friendly space that offers artists a place to socialize and show their work. Free community-driven events are held here regularly, offering residents of all ages and backgrounds the ability to participate in new and exciting activities.
- 3.The Train Station Plaza: Located in downtown Rahway, the plaza is a pivotal and growing artistic center. This location connects commuters and residents to public transportation and also hosts a number of events including annual summer concerts. The Rahway Farmers Market is also located in the plaza and is a popular place for vendors to sell their wares.
- 4.Madden Field: This municipal park has a variety of facilities, including baseball and softball fields, basketball courts, a football field, and a playground. It is a popular community gathering place and would offer a high-visibility location for the mural.

Each of these locations has the required space, visibility, and sense of community for a successful project. Rahway has spent the last 20 years working to foster visual arts, music, comedy, dance, and theater to create an environment that welcomes the arts. The city is seeking an artist who can help to engage residents and create deeper community connections to both the message of climate resilience and to the city itself.

This CBO has experience in adjusting programming to meet local health and safety conditions, including outdoor events with masks and social distancing. They can assist the selected artist with identifying resources and community connections to ensure the projects' success.

Learn more at their website: <https://www.cityofrahway.org/>

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

This CBO is open to proposals in 3-D Visual Art (including sculpture, installation art, performative works, or other proposals that are appropriate for an outdoor environment) and Performance art forms. They are not able to accommodate 2D art forms or mural proposals.

Monmouth Conservation Foundation is dedicated to creating parks, saving open space, preserving farmland, teaching environmental sustainability, safeguarding waterways, and protecting wildlife. Working as the lead organization with Friends of Jackson Woods, Monmouth Conservation Foundation seeks a visual arts project, which ideally will be situated in the Jackson Woods park.

Jackson Woods Park is a 13-acre natural green space owned by the City of Long Branch in Monmouth County in central NJ, is located at 460 Ocean Boulevard North, Long Branch, NJ 07740. The park is situated off Ocean Boulevard North between Atlantic Avenue to the north and Avenel Boulevard to the south. It was long neglected and underused until recent years when Friends of Jackson Woods initiated its transformation, aiming to create a place where nature and the arts thrive together. The park location is a mix of wetlands, a pond, trails, a gazebo, sculpture, 50,000 daffodils (that make an amazing display in the spring!) and other plantings, bamboo and other invasive species in need of removal, and the CBO hosts a wide variety of community events throughout the year in the park.

It is worth noting that this organization has deep connections with many community organizations and can assist the selected artist in connecting with a variety of constituencies to participate in community events. There are possible partner locations available for indoor community events to accompany the artist's work in the park, if needed.

This CBO has experience in adjusting programming to meet local health and safety conditions, including outdoor events with masks and social distancing.

Learn more at their websites: www.monmouthconservation.org and www.friendsofjacksonwoods.org.

Northern NJ Community Foundation

This CBO is open to proposals in 3-D Visual Art (including sculpture, installation art, performative works, projections, multi-media or other proposals that are appropriate for an outdoor environment) and performance art forms. They are not able to accommodate 2D art forms or mural proposals.

The Northern New Jersey Community Foundation (NNJCF) has been producing programs and providing services in Bergen County and Northern NJ for over 25 years. In 2015 NNJCF launched its ArtsBergen initiative, with the mission of using arts as a tool to foster community dialog around important issues. NNJCF and ArtsBergen have been working with the 7 communities along the river; Oradell, Teaneck,

Hackensack, River Edge, New Milford, Bogota, and Ridgefield Park on community-driven creative placemaking projects employing local artists and engaging residents and visitors in environmental awareness activities.

The Hackensack River has a history of severe flooding events; two in the past year alone. The floods occur from the north by Veolia Water dam release when the Oradell reservoir gets too high, tidal surges from the south, and storm water runoff volume from heavy rain events. NNJCF seeks to work with an artist who will envision and create a project using the arts, environmental data and/or storytelling, to raise awareness about these flooding issues, what causes them, their impact on both the physical terrain and residents, and to educate the public on what they can do to help. They are particularly interested in work that will happen at the Hackensack Water Works property, now also known as Van Buskirk Island County Park. The property is on the National Register of Historic Places yet has been neglected since it was abandoned 30 years ago, mostly due to the flooding events that often cause impassable roads and bridges and push as much as a 6-foot flood surge into the park. Part of the property is now being transformed into a Bergen County passive park with a seasonal kayak launch to be managed by their partner, the Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.

Van Buskirk Island has many large grassy expanses where dance or theatre performances could take place (note there is no stage or floor there). The new kayak launch site would be ideal for a large-scale public art installation (3D, sculpture or site-specific works), and the enormous brick structure is an interesting historic building where a light projection/multi-media work would be quite impactful. Any of these artworks could help inform, educate, and inspire the public about the impact of flooding in the area and potential solutions to ameliorate flooding issues.

This CBO has municipal connections in all 7 of the identified river-adjacent communities, as well as local universities and can assist the selected artist in connecting with a variety of constituencies and organizations to participate in community events.

This CBO has experience in adjusting programming to meet local health and safety conditions, including outdoor events with masks and social distancing.

Learn more at their website: www.nnjcf.org

Ocean City Arts Center

This CBO is interested in is interested in visual arts proposals and hopes to engage an artist to create work that can potentially move to or be installed in three local locations. No proposals for solely performative works will be advanced for this site, however, proposals that include community engagement (in person or virtual community meeting, in person or virtual workshop, collaboration with a local organization, oral archive, performance, celebration, demonstration, etc.) along with visual arts proposals will be eagerly considered. Multi-disciplinary works will also be considered.

The mission of the Ocean City Arts Center (OCAC) is to engage the individuals and communities of Southern New Jersey in the kind of participation in the visual and performing arts that leads to individual and collective fulfillment.

While OCAC is the CBO for this project, they are eager to engage with surrounding communities of Strathmere and Longport and have existing connections with municipal and community environmental groups in those locations. This CBO hopes to work with an artist to either create work that can easily be modified for installation between the three locations, or create work that could encompass input from all 3 communities via workshops, meetings, etc. in order to engage citizens from those communities.

The Ocean City Arts Center has an indoor location available for workshops, community meetings, events or exhibition, as well as access to potential performance spaces.

OCAC knows that this project is an opportunity to reach residents of Ocean City and the neighboring barrier islands in Cape May and Atlantic Counties who, in turn will benefit from a better understanding of the risks of coastal hazards. They hope this project will help improve preparedness and community adaptation to coastal storms and sea level rise. It is OCAC's hope that by sharing scientific facts and highlighting historical impact humans have on the environment (both good and bad), it can change human behavior to ensure a safer barrier community for the future.

This CBO has experience in adjusting programming to meet local health and safety conditions, including outdoor events with masks and social distancing.

Learn more at their website <https://oceancityartscenter.org>

Camden Community Partnership (Camden, Camden County, NJ)

Camden Community Partnership (CCP) is interested in visual arts proposals to utilize 2D (asphalt art or other street-level artmaking) and/or 3D works near or in conjunction with rain gardens in Camden to draw attention to the importance of rain gardens in reducing urban flooding and water pollution. The focus of the proposal may be the areas around the rain gardens including streets and sidewalks, and/or installations at ground level near the rain gardens. No proposals for solely performative works or for murals will be advanced for this site, however, proposals that include community engagement (in person or virtual community meeting, in person or virtual workshop, collaboration with a local organization, oral archive, celebration, demonstration, etc.) along with rain garden visual art proposals will be eagerly considered. Proposals that include the community in the projects' development, creation or related programming are strongly encouraged.

Camden Community Partnership's mission is to serve as the catalyst for the preservation and growth of a vibrant Camden. Founded in 1984 as a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to planning and implementing high-quality urban redevelopment projects to revitalize the City of Camden, they have since expanded their mission to act as the umbrella organization to bring stakeholders together and implement a holistic approach to revitalizing Camden.

Due to their deep local relationships, Camden Community Partnership will identify the Camden neighborhoods- private and public rain gardens that would be the focus of the art intervention with input from the selected artist. Artists who propose a rain garden idea should plan to work on 5-10 rain gardens. The CBO will also help make introductions in the neighborhood selected but will expect the artist to be comfortable and eager to engage directly with diverse community members as part of the

public art-making process. In particular, engaging youth and new audiences is desired, and an artist who speaks more than one language is a real plus (but not required.)

Unique opportunities to expand public programming into local parks may be possible, and the artist selected should be eager to work directly and collaboratively with community members and partners. The broad public, private, municipal and community group connections CCP can help make will enhance the project's impact.

This CBO has experience in adjusting programming to meet local health and safety conditions, including outdoor events with masks and social distancing, virtual programming and other adjustments as necessary.

Learn more at their website: <https://camdencommunitypartnership.com>