

Request for Qualifications

Public Art Project – Braden Athletic Complex

Adjacent to the Greenbelt Youth Center
99 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

Commissioning Organization: The City of Greenbelt
Via the Greenbelt Recreation Arts Program, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD

Contact: Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov

Budget: up to \$50,000 USD for design, materials, testing, fabrication, insurance, delivery and installation of artwork, and artist's travel/lodging as applicable. Site preparation will be coordinated with the Greenbelt Department of Public Works.

Submission Deadline: 4:00pm EST, Monday, December 2, 2024

Links: [application cover sheet](#), [Dropbox upload link](#)

Artist Eligibility

Artists must reside in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia or the District of Columbia. Artists from Prince George's County, Maryland, are especially encouraged to apply. Artists must be at least 18 years of age and may apply individually or as an artist team.

Project Overview

The Braden Athletic Complex (hereinafter "the Complex") consists of outdoor fields for youth baseball, softball, football, and open recreation, as well as courts for tennis/ pickleball and beach volleyball. The Complex is located behind the Greenbelt Youth Center at 99 Centerway in Greenbelt, Maryland. The amenities are managed by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation, and maintained by the City's Department of Public Works. The Complex is utilized by individual community members and also organizations including the Greenbelt Tennis Association, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Greenbelt Youth Baseball/Little League, and Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball.

The City of Greenbelt is seeking to commission an artist or artist team to create free-standing artwork commemorating the dedication of the Complex to the memory of Roy Braden, the City's first Town Manager. The artwork should welcome patrons to the facilities and reflect the positive benefits of the sports being played there, such as fitness, social connection, teamwork, personal development, and above all the shared joy of active play. The artwork should appeal to residents of all ages.

The artwork may consist of one or one more elements, to be installed at either or both of the main entry points to the Complex, at either end of a central, paved pedestrian/bike pathway traversing the facility. The primary entrance is located behind the Greenbelt Youth Center. The secondary entrance is located next to the former St. Hugh's School at 135 Crescent Road. Both site options are grassy areas. Please see the attached site plans and photographs for more information.

This commission is being undertaken as part of a planned renovation of the Braden Athletic Complex in 2025. Construction timelines may affect the timing of installation of the commissioned artwork.

Artwork Specifications

The artwork must be designed for safety and permanency with a projected lifespan of at least 20 years. It should be: able to withstand climbing; resistant to weather, vandalism, wildlife, and groundskeeping impacts; and able to be maintained at a modest cost.

The footprint of the artwork at either site option, including a base if applicable, may be up to 8'-0" x 8'-0". Artwork may be up to 10'-0" in height. The artwork may consist of one or multiple components.

The following would be welcome in a proposal but are not required:

- Artwork that is designed to be physically interactive, including for persons with visual impairment
- Artwork that is created with community participation
- Incorporation of limited text: "Braden Athletic Complex "

Upon installation, the City of Greenbelt will take ownership of the artwork and will be responsible for its maintenance.

About the City of Greenbelt

The City of Greenbelt is an incorporated municipality in Prince George's County, Maryland. Greenbelt is a suburb in the greater Washington, D.C. region situated along the Metrorail green line. Greenbelt's history is of national significance as one of three planned communities developed by the federal government in the 1930s; the City prides itself on embodying the living legacy of the New Deal. Learn about Greenbelt history on the [Greenbelt Museum website](#). Learn more about contemporary Greenbelt through [2020 Census data](#) and by exploring the [City of Greenbelt website](#).

Project Budget / Compensation

The total budget for this commission is \$50,000 USD. This budget includes design (including proposal development), materials, testing, fabrication, insurance, construction of a base as applicable, delivery and installation of artwork, and artist's travel/lodging as applicable. It does not include site preparation or signage, which will be provided separately by the City of Greenbelt.

This project is being funded with federal funds. As such, System for Award Management (SAM) registration is required in order for the selected artist/team to receive payment. [Apply here](#).

Projected Timeline (subject to possible adjustment)

Applications will be due by 4:00 pm EST on Monday, December 2, 2024. Applicants may be contacted for a virtual interview during the week of December 2-6.

Up to three finalists will be selected by Friday, December 6. Finalists will be chosen by a panel consisting of City of Greenbelt arts staff and community stakeholders.

Finalists will be required to attend a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Each artist/team will give a brief presentation about their past work and any initial concepts for this project they wish to share. Following the meeting, feedback will be gathered from members of the general public in attendance.

Finalists will be notified by 4:00pm EST on Friday, December 20, 2024 of their selection status. The City of Greenbelt reserves the right not to select an artist/team from among the finalists.

If an artist/team is selected, they will sign an agreement no later than Friday, December 27, 2024 to undertake the design of original artwork for this project. Proposal guidelines will be provided. The artist/ team will receive a design stipend of \$5,000.00 USD upon signing an agreement. **A fully-developed design proposal will be due by Friday, February 28, 2025.**

Upon approval of the artist/team's design proposal, with or without modifications as may be required by the City of Greenbelt, the artist/ team will receive a payment of \$35,000.00 to begin fabrication of the artwork. Upon installation, the artist/ team will receive a final payment of the balance of \$10,000.00.

Delivery and installation of the artwork is *requested* by September of 2025. Installation *must* be completed no later than December 31, 2026.

Selection Criteria

An artist/team will be selected on the basis of the following criteria, as evidenced in application materials and conversations with listed references:

- The applicant's professional qualifications, including a demonstrated ability to: undertake projects of a similar scope; maintain efficient communications and good working relationships with project sponsors and partners; complete projects on time and within budget
- Artistic interest of past and envisioned artwork; capacity of the artwork to engage and delight people of all ages
- Safety and durability of past artwork; suitability of past and envisioned artwork for outdoor display with a projected lifespan of at least 20 years with modest maintenance
- Relevance of past and envisioned artwork to the project goals, to the site, and to the Greenbelt community

To Apply

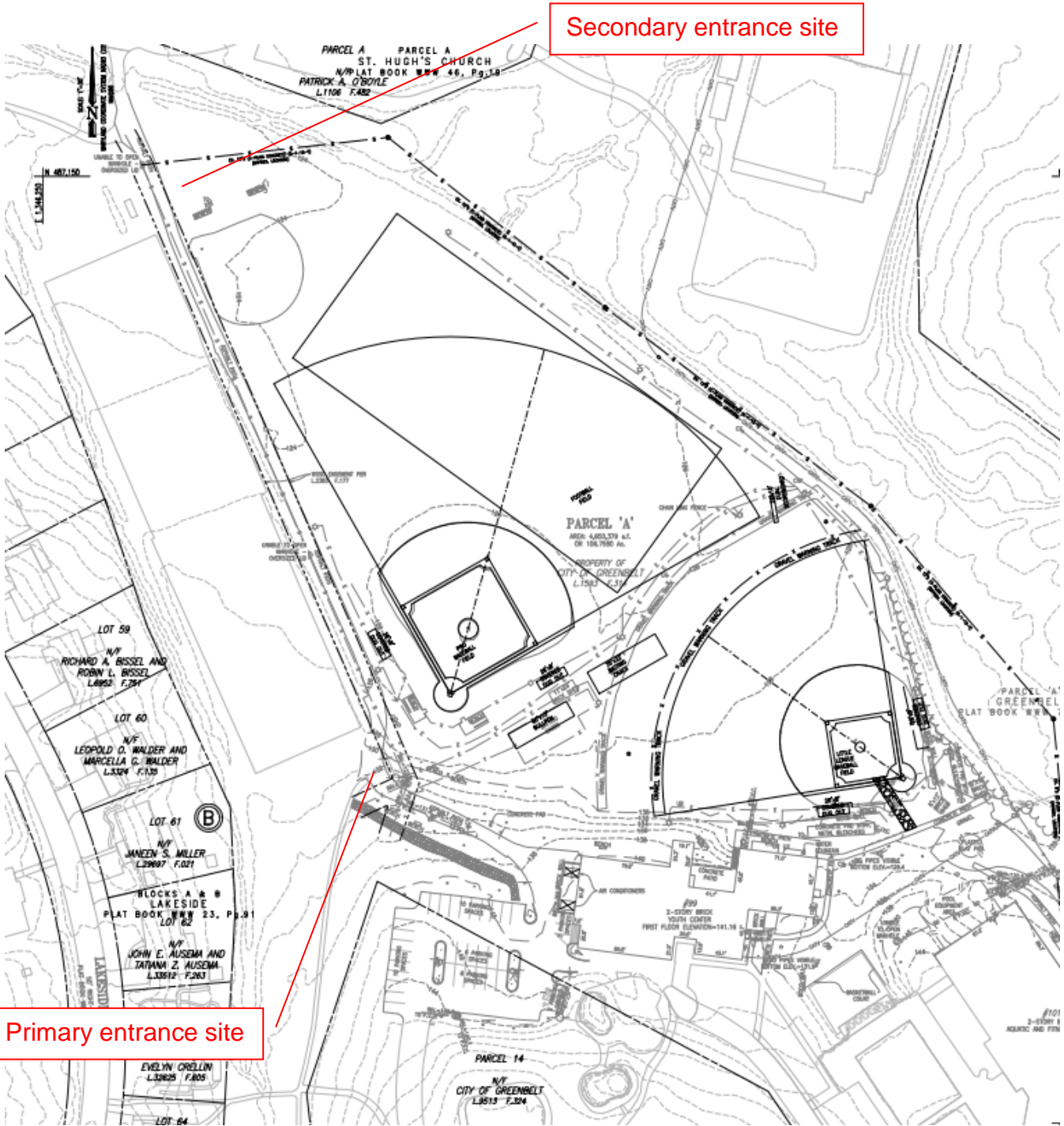
- 1. Download the fillable application cover sheet. Save it using this file name format: lead artist's name_cover. Complete the form.**
- 2. Respond to the prompts below in a letter of interest, up to six pages. Save it using this file name format: lead artist's name_letter.**
- 3. Upload the following materials to [Dropbox](#): cover sheet; letter of interest; resumes (see below), and images (see below).**

Letter of Interest Prompts

- 1. Artist/team.** Introduce as applicable the key artist(s), consultant(s), and technical specialist(s) applying for this opportunity. Upload as a single file the combined resumes (1-2 pages each) of all team members. File name format: **lead artist's name_resumes**.
- 2. Past experience.** Describe past projects that illustrate the readiness and ability of the artist/team to work effectively with a public agency and to produce durable, well-received artwork on schedule and within budget.
- 3. Image list.** The artist/team will provide up to 10 images of their artwork. Examples may illustrate the style or media the artist/team may wish to use for this project, and may show the present condition of older pieces that have been on display outdoors. Examples may also convey the ability of the artist/team to: fulfill a commission of similar or greater scope; create artwork that is effectively integrated into its site; create artwork that is meaningful and enjoyable for the local community.

Please include in your letter of interest an image list. Provide the following (as applicable) for each image: the name of the artist(s), title of work, date, media, dimensions of work, description of site, client, and budget. File name format: **lead artist's name_image 1**, etc.

- 4. Initial project concept(s) – optional.** Share initial thoughts about how you might approach this project, with respect to themes, forms, scale, and media. At your option, you may upload up to 5 sketches and add captions to your image list.



Primary entrance site

Secondary entrance site

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OVERALL SITE PLAN
MULTIPURPOSE FIELD IMPROVEMENTS
BRADEN COMPLEX
DISTRICT
LOCATION/SECTION

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PLANS: Overall	TAXMAP/PROJ: N/A	SITE PLAN SET: N/A
DESIGN: N/A	DATE: AUG 2024	SHEET 1 OF 15
DATE: AUG 2024	SCALE: AS SHOWN	FILE NO.: 3024-3028

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1. Improve East Field to standard Little League (60 ft. and 70 ft) dimension. (Phase 2)
2. Relocate fence and warning track (225ft) (Phase 2)
3. Improve turf of central field (Phase 2)
4. Artificial turf pitching mound (Phase 2)
5. Improve batting cage and Lower maintenance (Phase 2)
6. Add bullpen (Phase 2)
7. Evaluate and Repair existing light pole foundations (Phase 2)
8. Replace existing lights to LED (Phase 2)
9. Relocate Lights for East Field (Phase 2)
10. Add Dual Score Board for Football and 90 ft Baseball Field (Phase 2)
11. Covered dug outs (Phase 2)
12. Additional Storage Unit (Match Existing Park Design) (Phase 2)
13. Provide ADA access and Improve field overlook area (Phase 3)
14. Provide ADA parking and access to fields (Phase 3)
15. Add Prefabricated 50 Person Pavilion (Phase 4)

GREENBELT: BRADEN FIELD IMPROVEMENTS
SCHEMATIC LAYOUT

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