

Public Art Project Announced for Braden Athletic Complex

Greenbelt Recreation has announced a new project to commission art for the Braden Athletic Complex located behind the Greenbelt Youth Center at 99 Centerway. This project is being undertaken as part of a planned renovation of the athletic fields and associated amenities, made possible through ARPA funding. The artwork will mark the renewed dedication of the complex to Roy Braden, Greenbelt's first Town Manager. The project is intended to convey a warm welcome to all visitors and celebrate the positive benefits of the sports being played at the Complex, such as fitness, social connection, teamwork, personal development, and above all the shared joy of active play.

Community members who utilize the facility are invited to [complete a short survey](#) for active stakeholders. These would include individuals who use the complex's courts and fields as well as those who use the central paved pathway to access the lake park or for general pedestrian/bike travel. Respondents will be able to share input that may shape the themes and images explored by artists who are interested in this project. The Greenbelt Tennis Association, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Greenbelt Youth Baseball, and Greenbelt Babe Ruth Baseball have been contacted to invite members' input.

A [Request for Qualifications](#) (RFQ) is now open, inviting interested artists from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Delaware to share examples of their past work and initial thoughts regarding the Braden project. Select artists under consideration for the commission will be invited to present their portfolios at a virtual public meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, December 17. To receive a link for the meeting, [sign up online](#). The design of the artwork for the Complex will be developed in a later phase of the commission process by the artist selected for this project.