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Share! Calling all local & regional artists! #Durham seeks public art submissions for Liberty Warehouse Wall in @DCPDurham by November 1

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Durham Seeks Liberty Warehouse Wall Public Art Submissions

November 1 Submission Deadline

DURHAM, N.C. – Local and regional artists are now invited to [apply](#) to have their work displayed as a new public art project on Durham’s Liberty Warehouse Wall.

The selected project will be displayed on the wall facing Durham Central Park, which is part of the SmART Vision Plan corridor. From now until Wednesday, November 1, 2017, qualified artists or artist teams can submit their qualifications to design, fabricate and install their public art.

Application materials should include: statement of interest, annotated samples of previous work relevant to project, project personnel resume(s) and references. Full submission guidelines, project details and submission portal are available on the [Call for Artists webpage](#).

This public art project is sponsored by Durham Central Park, Inc., Liberty Warehouse Apartments, and the City of Durham General Services Department, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Durham Parks and Recreation and the Durham Cultural Advisory Board’s Public Art Committee.

Artists interested in more information about this project may contact [Erin Kauffman](#) of Durham Central Park, Inc. at (919) 794- 8194, or [Stacey Poston](#) within the City’s General Services Department at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254.

About SmART Vision Plan

In 2012, the City of Durham was selected as one of five cities in North Carolina to participate in the 2012 NC Arts Council's [SmART Initiative](#) to demonstrate how creative placemaking revitalizes downtowns and fuels sustainable economic development. The [Durham Arts Council](#), in partnership with the City of Durham, Durham County, and multiple private partners and community stakeholders, worked with award winning landscape architect and urban designer Mikyoung Kim, creating a [SmART Vision Plan](#) which reimagines the rapidly transforming north-south corridor straight through downtown where private developers are reinvesting hundreds of million dollars in commercial, retail, residential, hotel, and technology-based real estate activities. The SmART Vision Plan focuses on adding public art components, pedestrian amenities and lighting in three distinct districts with deep historic and cultural roots: American Tobacco, City Center, and the Central Park District.

About Durham Central Park, Inc.

Durham Central Park (DCP) is a five acre city-owned park at the heart of the Central Park District. The Park is operated by [Durham Central Park, Inc.](#), a 501c3 non-profit organization. DCP Inc. holds an agreement with the City of Durham to manage, develop and sustain this unique urban oasis.

About the City of Durham General Services Department

The [General Services Department](#) creates, manages and maintains City properties to provide best value to the Durham community. The core business functions include: Administration/Business Services, Facilities Operations, Landscape Services, Urban Forestry, Real Estate, Project Management, Cemeteries, and Keep Durham Beautiful. As guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), General Services serves as a steward of the City's physical and environmental assets. Through annual and long-range facility planning activities, the department plans, provides, and maintains the City's facilities infrastructure, which supports the community's quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy.

About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the [Office of Economic and Workforce Development](#) helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

About the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department

The [Parks and Recreation Department](#) provides opportunities for the Durham Community to 'Play More' by connecting our whole community to wellness, the outdoors and lifelong learning. To learn more about Durham Parks and Recreation, follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) or call (919) 560-4355.

About the City of Durham Public Art Committee

The [Public Art Committee](#) serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the City Manager, and its functions include assisting the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development on matters relating to public art; implementation of the Public Art Policy; and reviewing proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City administration; and making recommendations to the [Cultural Advisory Board](#) regarding project approvals.

To further help artists connect with opportunities, the City has also launched a [Durham Calls for Artists](#) page on its website, which lists a number of upcoming opportunities for artists in and around Durham. Artists and other stakeholders who would like to be notified of current and future art-related opportunities and news can now sign up for alerts through the [Cultural and Public Art mailing list](#). For more information about the City's Public Art Program, visit the City's [public art page](#). Artists interested in more information about the Public Art program may also contact Senior Economic Development Coordinator Brian Smith with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965, ext. 15205 or by [email](#).

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