

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Sustainable Bus Stop Bench Mural

Huntersville, NC

Issued by the Public Art Commission



The Public Art Commission of Huntersville, NC, is seeking an artist to showcase their work by painting the new sustainable bus stop bench. We are looking to enliven and beautify this Mecklenburg County transit point to enhance the character and create a welcoming visual experience within the downtown area.

ABOUT HUNTERSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA:

Huntersville is a large suburban town in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, part of the Charlotte metropolitan area. The Town of Huntersville's population is close to 70,000, making it the 17th largest municipality in North Carolina. It is located 14 miles (23 km) north of Charlotte and was officially incorporated in 1873.

It is the sense of Huntersville's past, and the small town feel that has brought so many new residents to the town. The simple commute into the city of Charlotte and the proximity to Lake Norman are also some of Huntersville's enticements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The vision is to beautify and enliven the bus stop structures by painting the new sustainable bench made from a retired wind turbine blade. The design should represent Huntersville, reflect the area and community and create a feeling of welcome. The committee is seeking original artwork suitable for outdoor public space.

ARTIST PAYMENT AND SELECTION:

The artist will receive a \$3000.00 payment for title of the work. Funds secured through a Downtown Revitalization Grant from Electricities. The payment is intended to cover all costs associated with the project including, but not limited to, design, installation, materials, equipment, and protective finish coating. The Public Art Commission will review all submissions based on the criteria set forth herein and present their selection to the Huntersville Town Board for approval at a noticed and public Town Board meeting.

REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN PARAMETERS:

1. The work must be original and preferably (but not required) be relatable to features of Huntersville and suitable for viewing by all ages.
2. The mural must be capable of withstanding adverse weather conditions, including hot summers, cold winters, rain, wind, and snow. *Suggested paint listed below.*
3. The selected artist must enter into an Artist Agreement with the Town and comply with applicable Town ordinance and insurance requirements.
4. The Town is responsible for maintenance of the artwork.
5. The Town owns all artwork installed and may copy, reproduce, and adjust the artwork in its sole discretion in perpetuity. The Artist shall agree to waive all rights under the Visual Artists Rights Act and/or similar laws.
6. Artwork must NOT contain: religious symbols or references; political symbols or references; copyrighted or trademarked materials; and/or commercial or advertising representations.

BENCH INFORMATION:

1. 3-5" Thick Fiberglass, Retired Wind Turbine Blade
2. No Maintenance, Rust or Corrosion
3. Moisture Resistant / Performs in all Climates
4. Seat made from composite lumber (upcycled PVC)
5. **Will be primed ready to paint**
 - a. **Suggested Paint:**
 - [Sherwin-Williams All Surface Enamel Latex](#)
 - [Sherwin-Williams Anti-Graffiti Coating](#)
6. **Bench Dimensions:**
 - a. Width: 90-96"
 - b. Depth: 36"
 - c. Height: 80-86"
 - d. Weight: 2500 lbs.
 - e. Images attached

ELIGIBILITY:

The exhibition is open to all artists, preferably professional muralists (18 and over), having completed a minimum of 3 murals. Qualified artists will have experience and capability to conceptualize, design, and install their artwork in a highly visible location. *Town employees and members of the Huntersville Public Art Commission are not eligible to apply.*

INSTALLATION:

Selected artists are responsible for transportation to and from the work site located at 416 Seagle St, Huntersville, NC 28078. Once the mural is completed, the town will place the bench at the bus stop on NC 115 in front of the Town Center Building (105 Gilead Rd.), which is also the home of Discovery Place Kids.

Project Timeline:

- Deadline for Submissions: April 30, 2025
- Deadline for RFP Questions: April 23, 2025
- Notification to selected artist: May 21, 2025
- Complete Project by July 31, 2025

Town of Huntersville Bus Stop Bench Mural:

Artists must submit a digital application package to thouk@huntersville.org including the following:

- **Artist Background Information:** Resume and website link, Artist Statement, at least three (3) visual samples of past public art works, and contact information for 2 references, from previous public art works.
- **Design Draft:** A color design illustrating your concept.
- **Concept Statement:** Describe the concept and how it reflects the Town's identity. Describe your process including time frame, surface preparation if any, and point medium. Include specifics on paints and clear coat finish.

Entries must be submitted by 5 pm on April 30, 2025.

Point of Contact:

Tracy Houk, CPRP

Assistant Director - Parks and Recreation

Town of Huntersville

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PHOTOS OF SITE AND BENCH:

The current bench will be moved to a park.

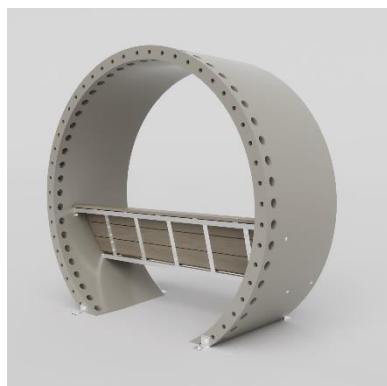


Looking North on NC115



Looking South on NC115

Product images for artist mockups



Example Mural