



Open Call for Reston Artisans Public Art Project: Birdhouses Lake Thoreau Pool Renovations

PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

Accompanying the full facility reconstruction of the Lake Thoreau pool (anticipated opening for the 2023 pool season) Reston Association (RA) has identified the opportunity to engage public art and the community through this call for birdhouse design/build proposals.

Open solely to Reston residents, the birdhouses will highlight local talent, creativity and artisanship in this grassroots beautification project. Facilitated in partnership with Public Art Reston, RA will fund, commission and maintain five birdhouses for a permanent public art installation that will add visual distinction to the site and attract our feathered friends to nest above an L-shaped pollinator garden adjacent to the pool parking lot.

ELIGIBILITY

- Call is open to Reston residents only
- Group submissions accepted
- Participants under 18 must have an adult sponsor for their proposal

IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 11, 2022** – Solicitation Call Posted by Public Art Reston (9:00am EST)
- **April 7, 2022** – Deadline for Questions (5:00 PM EST)
- **April 14, 2022** – Responses to Questions Provided
- **May 26, 2022** - Design Proposals Due (5:00 PM EST)
- **June-July 2022** - Art Selection/Public Art Committee Meetings
- **August-October 2022** - Constructability Reviews (RA DRB)/Coordination with Sitework
- **October-December 2022** - Project Fabrication & Installation (Primary)
- **January-March 2023** - Project Fabrication & Installation (Alternate)
- **Summer 2023** - Community Ribbon Cutting & Pool Opening (Anticipated)

PROJECT PARAMETERS

- **Materials:** chosen to withstand the elements and vandalism
 - Acceptable materials: wood, metal, and upcycled/recycled materials encouraged
 - Unacceptable materials: Ceramic, glass and other potentially fragile components
- **Size:** range not to exceed 22 x 22 x 22-inches not including perch projection
- **Mounting Information:** 5 poles total, each 3-inches in diameter with 12-inch x 12-inch base mounting plate at top of pole – (2)-poles at 8-feet in height, (2)-poles at 10-feet in height, (1)-pole at 12-feet in height, and (1)-pole at 16-feet in height. These heights may be subject to change.
- **Color:** selected to enhance or contrast with the natural environment
- **Appearance:** visually interesting, artistic designs encouraged
- **Required components:** must include a perch, 1-1 ½” round access opening, and an access panel for periodic cleaning
- **Budget:** successful proposals will be funded up to \$250 per individual house

NOTES

- **Note A:** Entries may be for all five houses as a series or one individual house
- **Note B:** Upon selection, authors of selected works are expected to collaborate with RA and Project Engineers related to constructability and appropriate materials. Further, authors are expected to deliver a fully functional and complete finished product ready for installation during the Primary Fabrication and Installation dates noted below.
- **Note C:** with the relative proximity and height of five birdhouses, the likely species to use the structures are native congregational birds such as House Finches, House Sparrows, and possibly swallows. Viable proposals are encouraged to consider these species in design specifications. It may also be possible that the interior of a house can be configured for bats, which would bring both diurnal and nocturnal possibilities to the installation.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit design in dimensioned drawings and/or photos (can include examples of previous work) and brief explanatory narrative
- Submissions are limited to (2) 11x17 inch PDF format pages, with maximum combined file size of 12-megabytes
- Written description including visual examples of materials and detailed dimensions
 - File format: .PDF (Please label each file with last name_first name_LTBirdhouse.
 - **Example:** Doe_Jane_LTBirdhouse)

QUESTIONS and SUBMISSION ADDRESS

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