

AT A GLANCE: THE STATE OF PUBLIC ART

Public art distribution in Greater Columbus

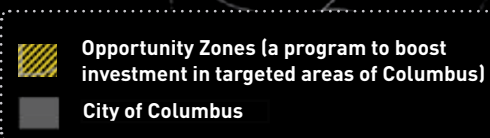
1300+
documented
public artworks in
Franklin County



Most concentrated
in downtown
Columbus or along
major corridors

8%
belong to the City
of Columbus

< 2%
documented as directly
commissioned by
the City of Columbus



The city of Columbus and Franklin County have partnered with the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Lord Cultural Resources to create a plan for the future of public art in Greater Columbus. Over the past eight months, the planning process has been led by a steering group that includes artists, organizers, and other local leaders.



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State of Public Art
report

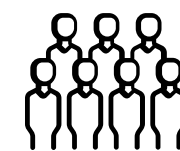
Key insights

- 1 Significant portions of Greater Columbus are devoid of any documented public artworks.
- 2 Residents want to see public art fully **represent the diversity** of Greater Columbus.
- 3 Artists, business owners, city staff and funders are confused or delayed by the process of creating public art. Community art projects need a separate **expedited review process**.
- 4 There is a strong desire for a "new Columbus Way" that establishes a **consistent public funding source** for public art (like a percent for art) and encourages participation by private donors.

Benefits of public art

- Social cohesion**
strengthens one's affinity and sense of belonging to place
- Economic development**
boosts tourism, generates indirect revenue, and creates jobs
- Public health and safety**
further awareness of key issues
- Built environment**
enhances aesthetics of lived environments

Public engagement



2000+
Greater Columbus
residents.

Our public engagement process centered around equity, gathering feedback from more than 2,000 Greater Columbus residents that reflected the diversity of the region.

1802
Completed
public surveys

54
Stakeholder
interviews

21
Area Commission
presentations

13
Roundtable and
pop-up events

6
Community
conversations

2
Sector
workshops

Survey highlights

87%
public art is
extremely or
very important.

56%
have frequent
encounters with
public art in their
daily lives.

95%
Columbus & Franklin
County should invest
more in public art
initiatives.

Next steps

Let us know what you think! Join one of our upcoming office hours to provide feedback or ask questions. Dates and details at <https://www.takepartcolumbus.com/events>

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