

COMMUNITY CONNECTING US & TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! Community Connecting Us (CCU) and the Town of Port Deposit (Town) will partner to bring members of our community together to create a community art mural that will reflect the unique historic small-town "river life" charm that make Port Deposit a great place to live, work and play.

LOCATION

Rice Tot Lot Playground and Dog Park, railroad embankment wall on west side of the dog park. Park is located on North Main Street between 41 and 55 N. Main Street.

WALL DIMENSIONS

Wall is one-hundred feet (100') wide by six feet (6') high.

THEME

Port Deposit is a historic waterfront town where residents and visitors enjoy the scenic vistas along the Susquehanna River. The waterfront is home to several recreational public parks with access to playgrounds, fishing and boating, a Visitor Center and Towson University Research and Education Center for the endangered Northern Map Turtle, town homes, condominiums, promenade, marina and restaurants. The Town embraced the partnership with Towson for the conservation and preservation of an endangered species and officially adopted our Northern Map Turtle mascot "Rhonda".

Residents and visitors enjoy the "river life" with great places to eat and shop, boating, kayaking and canoeing, fishing for perch and rock fish, spectacular sunsets on the river, and long walks along the waterfront promenade. We would like this community art project to showcase that "life is good" on the east bank of the Susquehanna River in Port Deposit!

GOALS

- Design a community art mural that will reflect our historic culture and the unique small-town "river life" charm of the Town of Port Deposit.
- Select a dedicated and qualified artist with experience in community art projects.
- Engage the community in the design and installation of the wall mural.
- Define the timeline and budget for the project and CCU and Town will request support through the Port Deposit VFW for the project.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Contact Information and Narrative: Interested artists must provide a narrative of his/her experience in community art projects and contact information.
- Color Sketch/Drawing: Provide a color sketch/drawing of the art work proposal. Artist should provide images or documentation of previous completed art designs and work.
- Materials: List of materials and method/technique that will be used to create the art work.
- Timeline and Engagement: Timeline and narrative on the method(s) that will be used to promote and engage community members in the mural painting. Artist is expected to engage with community members on the design of the mural and permit hands-on public participation with the project.
- Budget: Project budget should be itemized for cost to prepare the surface for painting, materials and supplies, artist fees (if applicable), and other associated costs for the project not to exceed \$2500.00. Financial support for this project will be requested through the Port Deposit VFW.
- Submission Deadline: Submit proposal to the Town of Port Deposit, 64 S. Main Street by 12:00 noon on March 1, 2023. Multiple artist may be selected for the project.
- Questions may be directed to Erica Berge at CCU: erica@communityconnecting.us or Vicky at Port Deposit vrinkerman@portdeposit.org

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

All applications will be evaluated by a committee selected by the Town Council to include, CCU and Port Deposit staff, and 2 community members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

CCU and the Town will announce the selected proposal at the April 4, 2023 Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 64 S. Main Street, Port Deposit.