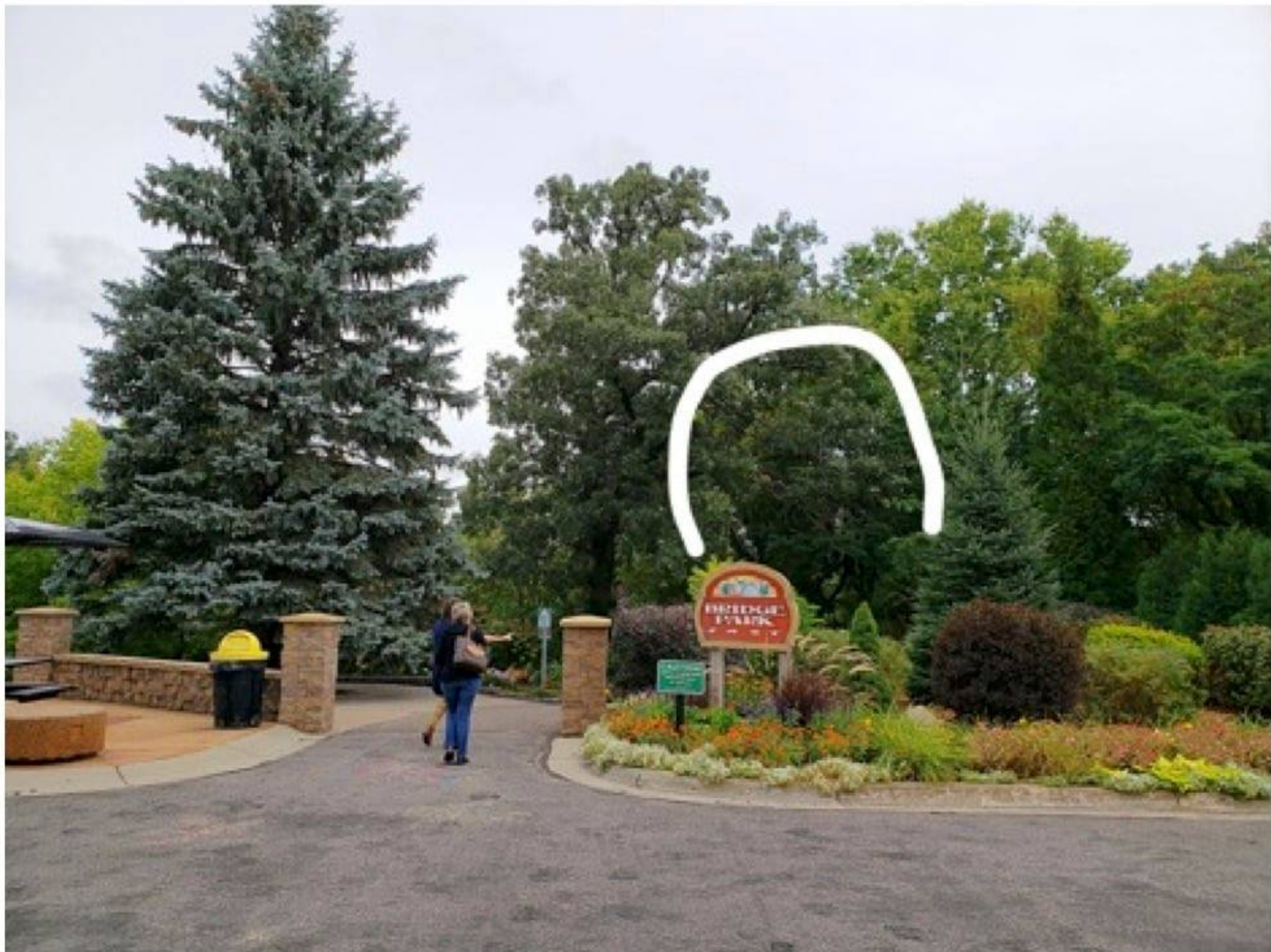


## East Bridge Park Sculpture RFP (Request For Proposals)



**Budget:** \$15,000

**Application Deadline:** 04/16/2021

### **Call Summary**

The City of Monticello's arts program, MontiArts, is issuing a call for a large scale outdoor public sculpture to be installed in a premier river front park downtown. The sculpture will be attached to a footing provided by the city, and must be durable enough to withstand MN's 4 season weather. The sculpture will be set into a landscaped area off a paved trail, overlooking the Mississippi River. See included site pics for a sense of scale desired. This is a prominent space in one of our most popular parks. Over the past 3 years, Monticello has embarked on an ambitious public art program. In a city that is already home to a number of high quality public sculptures, we'd like this sculpture to be the cornerstone of a larger public bikeable/walkable public sculpture exhibit we'll be launching over the next several years. City workers can help with installation. The budget for the project is \$15,000.00. \$5000 to be awarded upon commission, the final \$10,000 upon completion. Delivery included. This can be an existing, or yet to be created sculpture. We'd like to install it in Sept of 2021 (or sooner).

## **Budget Description**

This is a flat rate commission for a delivered, installed sculpture. Some installation help provided. Footing provided.

## **Project Description**

The call is for either existing or yet to be created works, and open to individuals or teams. This project is being funded by the Central MN Arts Board and the Lions Of Monticello, and managed by MontiArts, who will oversee the application and selection process.

## **Artwork Goals**

As mentioned above, Monticello would like to create a walkable/bikeable sculpture exhibit throughout our downtown, and along a planned regional bike corridor routed past this location. A lot of the sculptures along this route will likely rotate/be temporary installations. We'd like this piece to be the permanent cornerstone in this larger goal. We envision there being an arts trailhead located here once our plans further develop.

## **Artwork Location Description**

This location is extremely prominent, in a beautifully landscaped park that is cared for by a large team of master gardener volunteers. The sculpture will be positioned just off a main paved foot/bike path, on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi. Please see site pics in Additional Resources.

## **Site History**

Monticello's downtown spreads south from 2 gorgeous river front parks, which are bisected by a major commuter thoroughfare, Hwy 25. They are, respectively, East and West Bridge Parks. East Bridge Park, where this sculpture will be located, is our city's "garden park", which has been managed and cared for by a large crew of dedicated volunteer gardeners for over 20 years. Former mayors and city council members are part of this group. It is also home to a popular sliding hill in winter, and people use the paved trail all year round.

## **Eligibility**

This call is open to any qualified artist, or team of artists.

## **Application Requirements**

Biography

Resume: 1 page(s) maximum

Work examples: 3 - 6

Artist Statement : 500 word maximum

Letter of Interest : 1500 word maximum

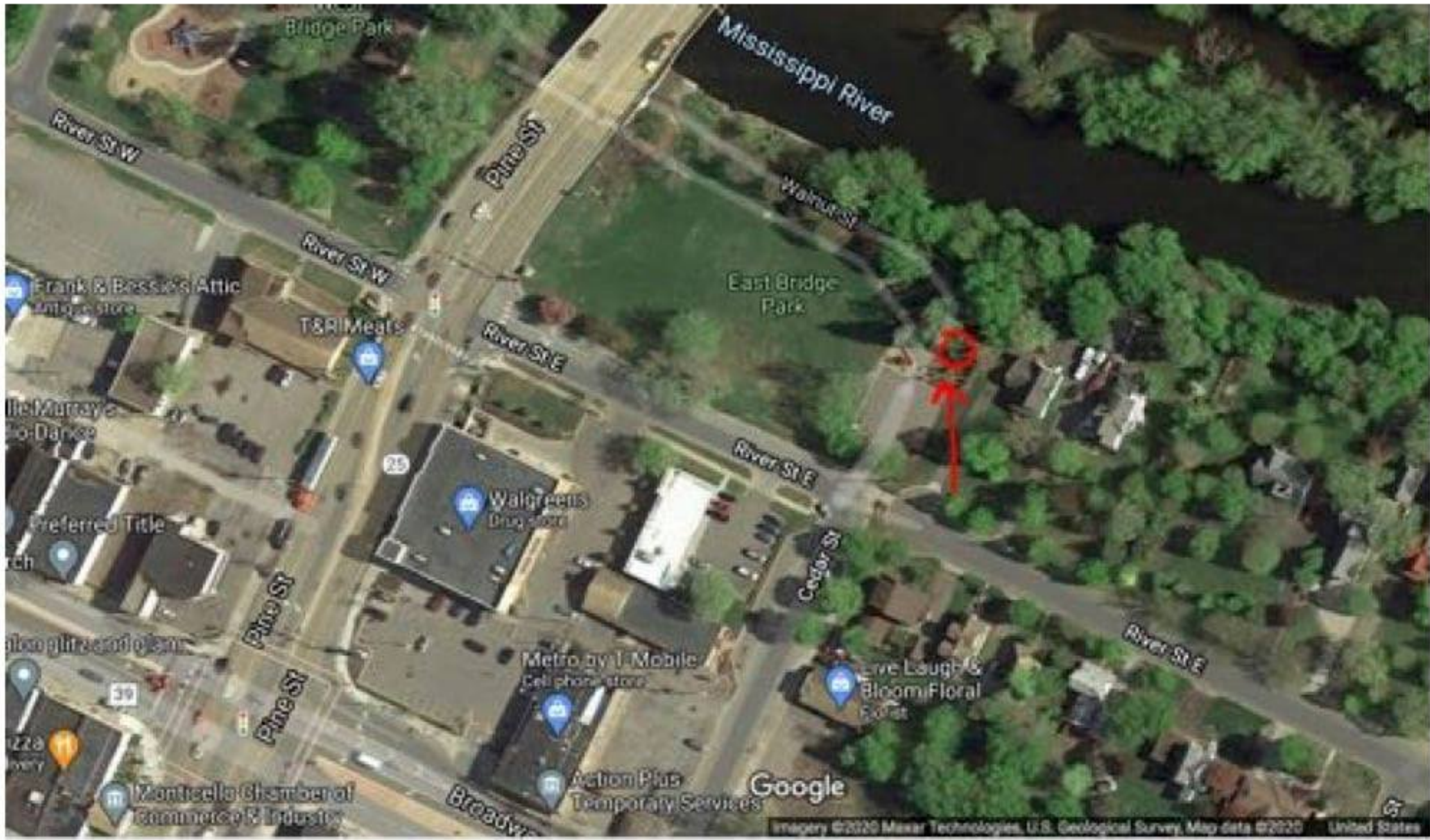
Artist statement optional. Please describe, in detail, your proposed project, and include a rendering of the sculpture, if it is yet to be created.

Artists are allowed to apply in teams.

Artists applying as a team must split the allotted number of work examples between themselves.

## **Selection Process**

A selection committee comprised of city staff, area artists, elected officials, and civic leaders will make the final selection, with guidance from MontiArts.



**Selection Criteria**

Artists applying should have a body of outdoor work included in their work samples, and be able to describe the materials and construction method in detail, as well as address the installation plan in their letter of interest. (Side note: Monticello is moving away from swan imagery, so we'd suggest alternate subject matter, but there is no theme— open to artist creativity.)

**Timeline\***

Submission deadline is 4/16/21 at 5pm

Chosen artist will be notified 5/3/21

Sculpture to be delivered & installed by 9/30/21

\*Assume time zones are relative to call location.

**Apply via email:**

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