



To: Douglas DDA Board

From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager & Sean Homyen, Planning & Zoning Administrator/DDA

RE: Approve issuing a request for proposals for the repainting of the two buildings at Wade's Bayou with New Murals

Date: January 22nd, 2025

The Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority (KLSWA) owns two pump house buildings at Wade's Bayou. In 2021, with the approval of the KLSWA, the City of Douglas City Council supported an artist painting monochromatic line art on the buildings.

The staff was asked to come up with a request for proposals (RFP), to solicit opportunities to have new murals painted on the buildings that better align with the identity of Douglas.

We have attached a draft proposal for your review and approval. We will add dimensions to the RFP before it is issued.

It is important to note that KLSWA has once again given the city approval to pursue this project but requested that only acrylic paint is used, and the doors are left untouched.

Wade's Bayou Mural on Pump House (REDACTED)



**City of Douglas Downtown Development Authority DRAFT
Request for Proposals (RFP) Wade's Bayou Building Murals**

The Douglas Downtown Development Authority (DDA) invites qualified artists and muralists to submit proposals for creating murals on two pump houses located at Wades Bayou. This project seeks to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area while reflecting the community's vibrant culture and natural beauty.

Project Details:

- **Location:** Pump houses at Wades Bayou, Douglas, MI.
- **Paint Type:** Only latex paint may be used for this project to ensure safety and compliance with environmental standards.
- **Design Guidelines:** The murals should celebrate the unique character of Douglas, including its waterfront, community spirit, and artistic heritage. Proposals should include a description of the concept, design sketches, and color palette.

Submission Requirements:

- A portfolio showcasing previous mural projects.
- A written narrative describing the proposed design, including how it aligns with Douglas's identity.
- A timeline for project completion.
- A budget breakdown, including materials and artist fees.

Evaluation Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on creativity, relevance to the community, artist experience, and adherence to budget and timeline.

Submission Deadline:

Proposals must be submitted by *****. Late submissions will not be considered.

How to Apply:

Send proposals via email to or by mail to: *****

For questions or additional information, please contact [Insert Contact Name] at [Insert Phone Number] or [Insert Email Address].

We look forward to seeing your creative vision for Wades Bayou come to life!