

## Public Art Project Timeline

Recognizing that the City has limited financial, staff, volunteer, and other resources, a small number of project opportunities will be pursued during each biennium. City staff will work with the Arts Council Chair and Vice Chair to schedule a biennial Arts Council workshop to recommend projects for the upcoming biennium. Staff are responsible for ensuring the workshop is conducted ahead of Citywide development of the biennial budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) including allowing adequate time to engage the Mercer Island community in prioritizing project opportunities if desired by the Arts Council. After the Arts Council identifies a preferred project list, their recommendation will be presented to the City Council for approval via the draft biennial budget and CIP and/or City department workplans as appropriate.

A draft 2025-2030 Public Art Project Timeline is provided below. High-level project descriptions are included on page 2.

25-30 Public Art Project Timeline	2025				2026				2027				2028				2029				2030			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Collection Care</b>																								
Annual Public Art Maintenance	█				█				█				█				█				█			
6-Year Workplan Update					█								█								█			
Public Art Collection Curation													█											
<i>Now We Are One</i> Reinstallation	█																							
<i>Fire Flower</i> Reinstallation					█																			
<i>Island Poles</i> Reinstallation									█															
<i>The Source</i> Restoration																	█				█			
<b>Art in Public Places (AIPP)</b>																								
Luther Burbank Waterfront – <i>Mercer Island Medallions</i>	█				█																			
Deane’s Children’s Play Area	█				█				█															
<b>Other Public Art Projects</b>																								
GHOSG Activation Plan					█				█				█											
Community Mural Project																	█				█			
<b>Tracking</b>																								
New City Facility AIPP (TBD)	█				█				█				█				█				█			
Mercer Island Transit Interchange Art	█				█				█				█				█				█			

### Collection Care

- Annual Public Art Maintenance: Routine assessment and cleaning of the public art collection.
- 6-Year Workplan Update: Biennial update of the 6-Year Workplan for Art in Public Places.
- Public Art Collection Curation: Evaluate curation of existing public art collection, including siting, security, signage, and engagement opportunities.
- Public Art Reinstallations
  - *Now We Are One* by Philip Levine – Deinstalled in 2020 due to damaged base. Piece has been repaired and will be reinstalled in First Hill Park in 2025.
  - *Fire Flower* by Gizel Berman – Deinstalled in 2020 due to vandalism/attempted theft. Piece has been restored and will be reinstalled in Town Center in 2026 (tentatively planned for installation at Xing Hua development, 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Avenues SE).
  - *Island Poles* by Steven Jensen – Deinstalled in 2024 due to upcoming construction of the Town Center Commuter Parking project. Reinstallation location and details TBC.
- *The Source* Restoration: Restore *The Source* by John Hoge in preparation for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this earthwork. Project identified in the 2025-2030 CIP for 2029-2030.

### Art in Public Places (AIPP) Projects

- Luther Burbank Park Waterfront – *Mercer Island Medallions*: Community engagement and design completed in 2023. Artwork fabrication and installation will take place during construction of the Luther Burbank Park Waterfront Improvements (LBWI) capital project, currently planned for 2025-2026.
- Deane’s Children’s Playground Renovation: Visioning process to redesign the Deane’s Children’s Park Playground begins in 2025, and construction is planned for 2026-2027. The redesign offers nature-themed art integration opportunities, including potential for building off *Kenton’s Dragon* by Kenton Pies, the popular dragon sculpture/play structure at the park.

### Other Public Art Projects

- Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery (GHOSG) Activation Plan: Develop a phased plan for implementing improvements at the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery, including temporary arts activations, curation of existing artwork, enhancements to park areas, etc. Project identified in the 2025-2030 CIP for 2027-2028.
- Community Mural Project: Develop a mural project in partnership with Mercer Island High School, local artists/community groups, and others at a highly visible location. Ideas for locations include Aubrey Davis Park basketball courts and Luther Burbank Park pickleball courts.

### Tracking Projects

- New City Facility AIPP (TBD): Early design underway to construct a new Public Safety and Maintenance Building, but funding, timing for construction, and other elements still unknown. City staff will update the Arts Council if/when more details are available.
- Mercer Island Transit Interchange Art: Explore opportunities for enhancing the roundabout at 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and North Mercer Way. City staff will update the Arts Council if/when more details are available.