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Agenda

1. Public Art in Dakota County
2. Public Art Framework Plan Goals, Outcomes, and Planning Process
3. A Vision for Public Art - Discussion

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Public Art in Dakota County

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What is public art?

Working definition:

Permanent or temporary elements of a public place that are designed by an artist or artist team, that reflect an awareness of the site, and that enrich the character of the location. Public art can be stand-alone or integrated into the architecture, landscape, or infrastructure of places such as public buildings, parks, greenways, and roadways. Public art can be the sole creation of the artist or be the result of a design team approach in which artists work on a project team with architects, engineers, landscape architects and others to design and create public places.

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How public art is supported in Dakota County today:

Works commissioned or supported through the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC). *\$30k levy funded annual budget*

Works *donated* to the County.

Works on *loan* from a City, artists, or other partners.

Interpretative projects in parks that incorporate artwork or artistic elements. *Can be funded with grants, regional funding, or incorporated into the project budget*

Architectural elements in libraries that incorporate artwork or artistic elements. *Grants, state library funds, or incorporated into project budget*

Exhibitions in Libraries organized by local arts organizations. *Loan*

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Charlton Tunnel Mural
Megan Moore and Meg Erke

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Mikaela Juliet and Isabella Grace
JuliAnne Jonker
Western Service Center

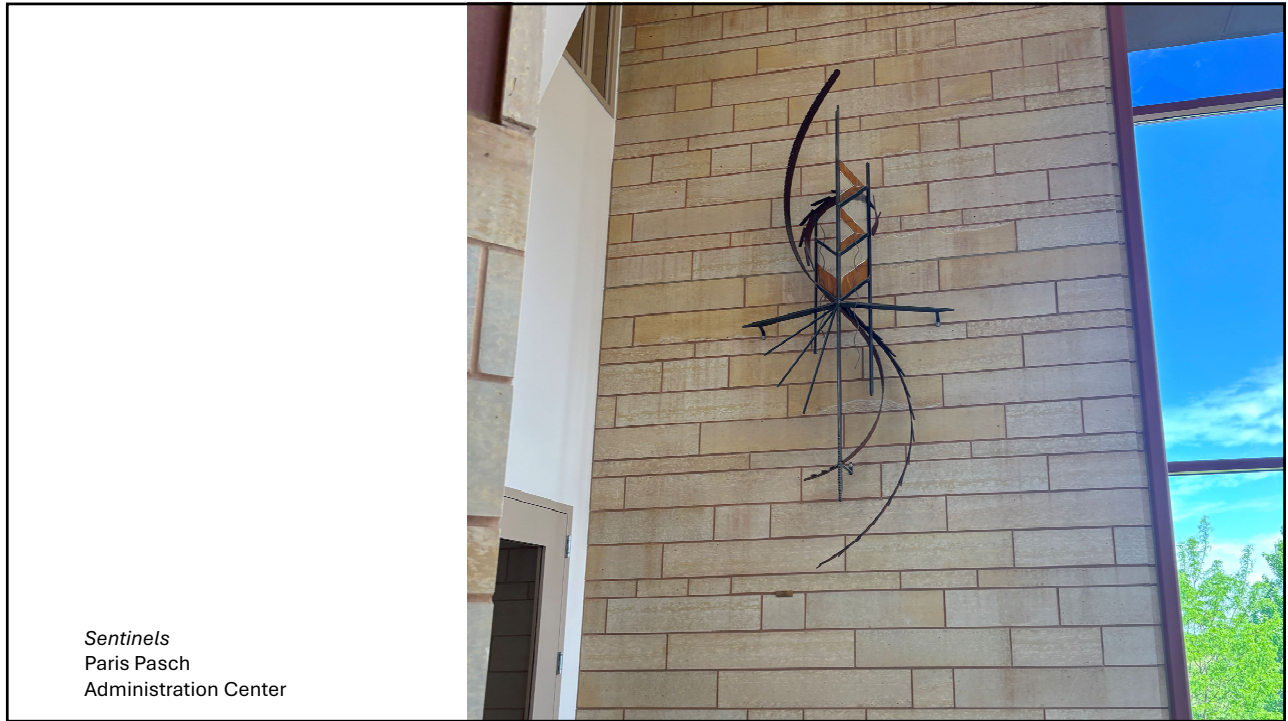
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Balance
Milligan Studio
Judicial Center

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Sentinels
Paris Pasch
Administration Center

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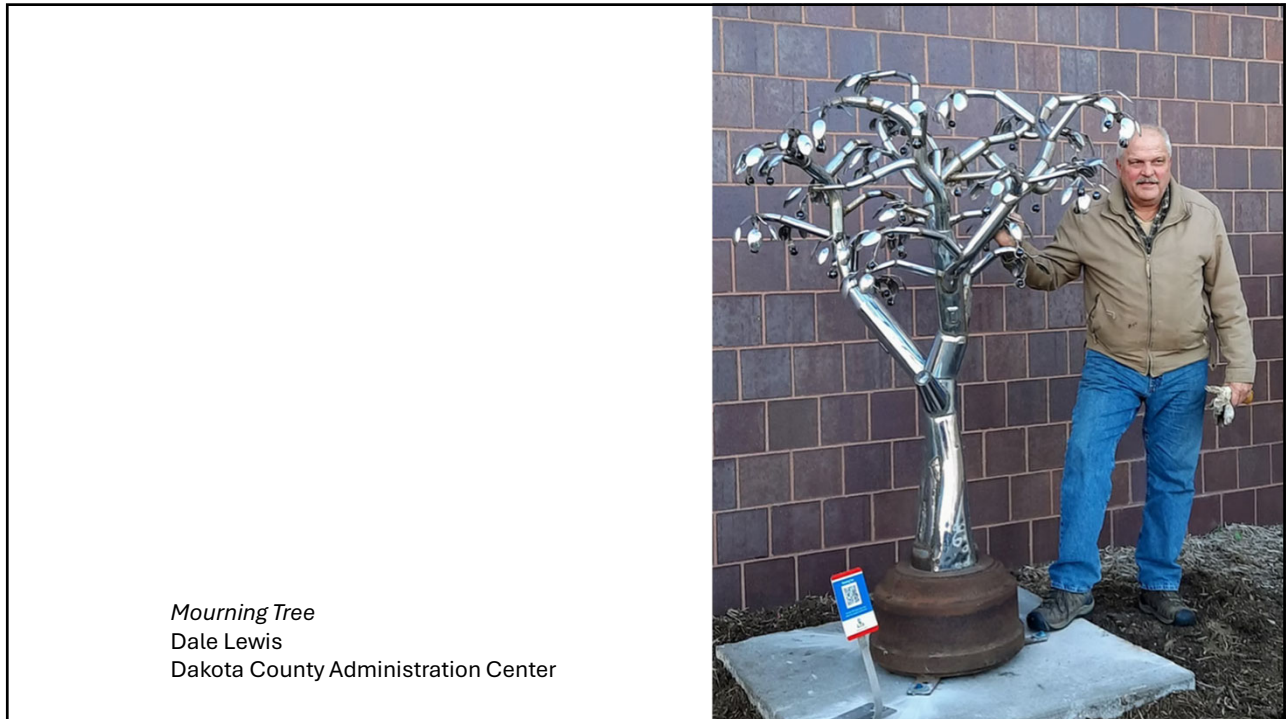
Christopher Tully
Robert Trail Library

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Triskele
Foster Wiley
Robert Trail Library

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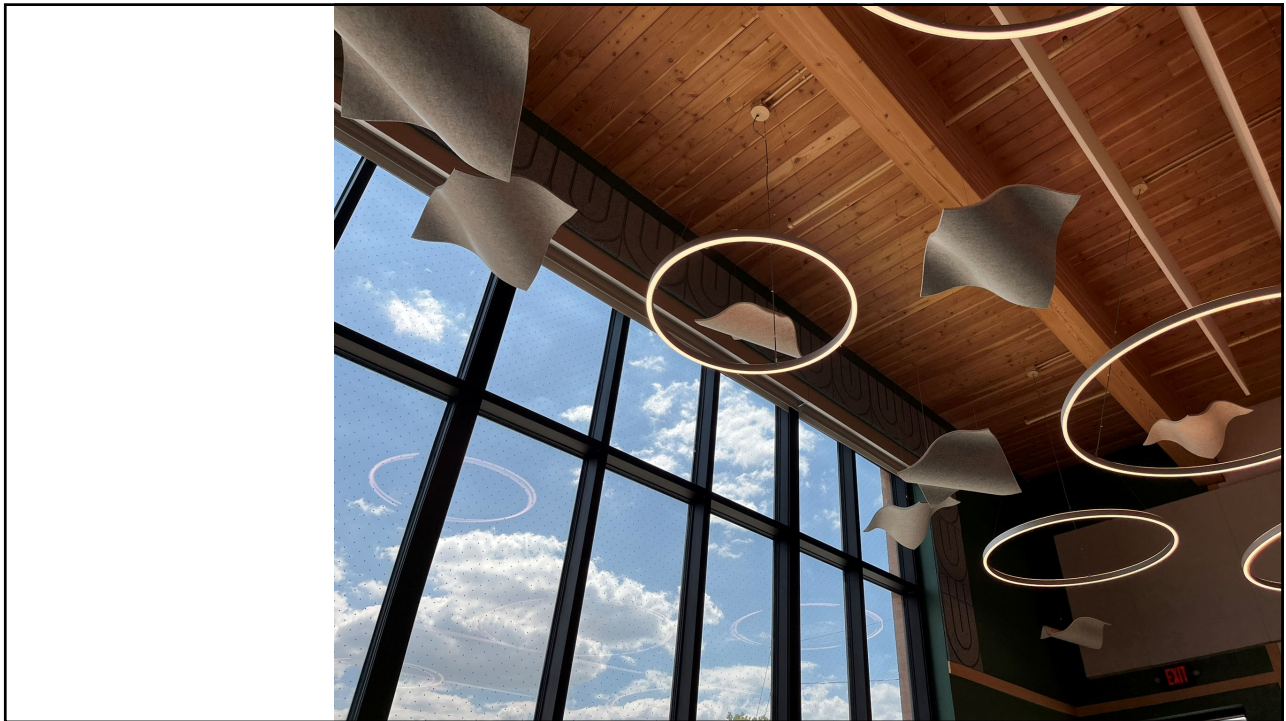


Mourning Tree
Dale Lewis
Dakota County Administration Center

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Public Art Framework Plan Outcomes

Vision, Mission & Goals = Why
 Opportunities = Where + What + When
 Administrative Tools = How + Who

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Key issues the blueprint will address

Should there be a unifying vision and goals for public art in Dakota County, and if so, what should these statements express about the impact of public art in the community?

What are important places for public art in Dakota County?

What approaches to public art are the most appropriate for these places?

What resources (staffing and funding) are available for new art as well as the care of existing artwork in Dakota County?

What are the criteria for the review of new commissions, acquisitions, gifts, and loans of art?

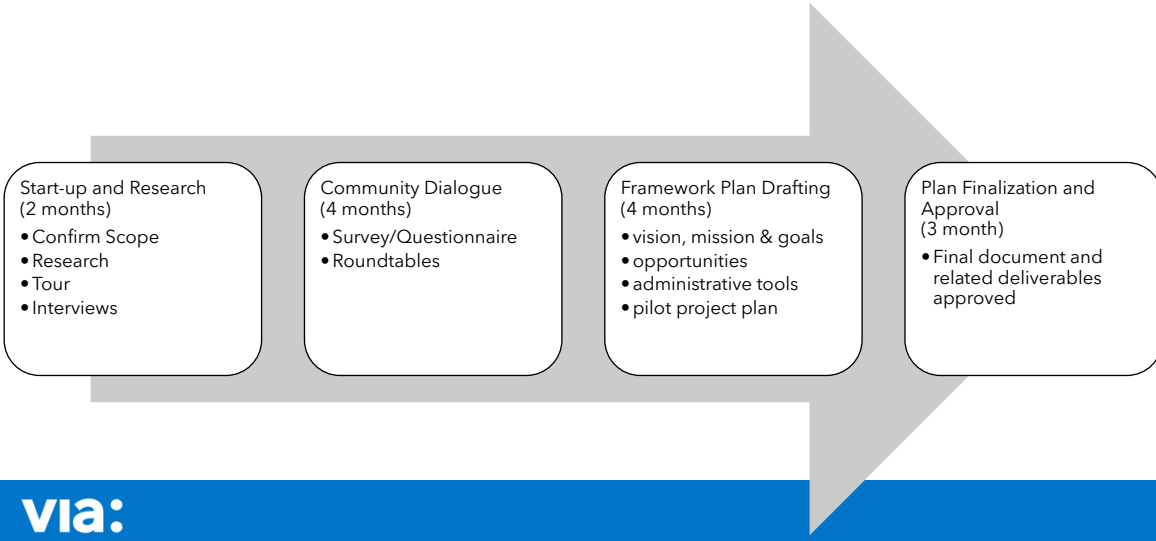
What is the role of the County staff, PAAC, County Board, and other stakeholders?

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Planning Process



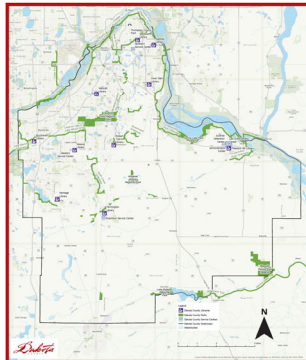
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Community Dialog

- Online questionnaire
- Pop up engagement at events
- Roundtable meetings

Imagine ART Here!

1 Place dots on the map to indicate where you would like to see public art.



Imagine ART Here!

2 Place a dot on the images that reflect the type of public art you would like to see in Dakota County. Use the post-it notes to tell us what you like about the work.



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Public Art Can Take Many Forms

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Permanent Sculpture

Floyd Elzinga, *Pinecone*

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Integrated

Bill FitzGibbons, *Current Drift*

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Functional

London Fieldworks, *Spontaneous City in the Tree of Heaven*

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Temporary Sculpture

Mark Reigelman, *The Meeting House*

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Temporary Experiences

Jenny Kendler, *Milkweed Dispersal Balloons*

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Murals

Lili Lennox, *Okoboji Summer Theater*

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Public Art Goals

- Develop Community Identity
- Nurture Health and Wellbeing
- Encourage Exploration and Play
- Promote Creativity
- Connect to the Natural World

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Prairie Mural, Adam Eikamp, Dysart, IA

Develop Community Identity

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Evergreen Children's Area Mural, Heather Byers, Wichita, KS

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Bob Cassilly, *Turtle Park*

Encourage Exploration and Play

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Ohio Birds Mural, Columbus, OH

Promote Creativity

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Cloud House
Matthew Mazzotta,
Springfield, MO



Connect to the Natural World

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Vision Question

Thinking about a future public art program, what is one word that you would want to use to describe the public art in Dakota County?

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Vision Questions

What impact can public art have in Dakota County?

What kinds of projects do you think would be most successful? Why?

What are the places or types of places where you think public art would be successful?

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What's Next

- December - Update to Dakota County Board
- January 2026 – Draft blueprint document development
 - Vision, mission, and goals for public art
 - Future opportunities
 - Administrative tools
- July 2026 – Anticipated project completion

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