

PUBLIC ART in the HISTORIC DISTRICT

In the historic district, public art refers to works of art that are placed or created outside and intended for public appreciation. Such artworks include, but are not limited to, sculptures, murals, and mosaics. Functional aspects of streetscapes and landscapes, such as bridges, benches, and fencing may provide opportunities for artistic expressions and in certain situations will be evaluated as public art.

Before the installation of public art in the Historic District, applicants are required to have their project reviewed by the Public Art Commission and approved by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). It is highly recommended that a representative for a project review the City's Historic District Design Guidelines and speak with a Historic Preservation Planner at the beginning of the design process.



HISTORIC DISTRICT CRITERIA

The HPC does not consider the content, color, subject matter or style of any public art and will defer to the Public Art Commission on these points. However, the HPC does have final approval authority regarding height, massing, scale, materials, and placement. The HPC will carefully consider any proposal to evaluate whether there will be a negative impacts to historic buildings or the streetscape. The HPC will largely be looking at the following factors:

- The project's relationship to character-defining façades or features (such as doors and windows)
- The project's placement within a historic streetscape or landscape
- The project's physical impact on historic materials
- The project's height, scale and massing as it relates to the historic setting.

HOW TO MOVE FORWARD

- 1 Consult the HPC Design Guidelines: bit.ly/freddesign
- 2 Contact Preservation Planning staff via preservation@cityoffrederickmd.gov or (301)600-1499.
- 3 Contact the Public Art Commission and obtain the application : bit.ly/FrederickPAC
- 4 Have project reviewed by the Public Arts Commission and obtain a letter of recommendation.
- 5 Obtain the HPC application:

Download bit.ly/hpcapps	Request by email preservation@cityoffrederickmd.gov	Pick up in person Planning Department 140 West Patrick Street
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- 6 Submit the HPC application, including a copy of the recommendation from the Public Art Commission, to the Planning Department.