

Martin County Art in Public Places



**ART
IN PUBLIC
PLACES**



Creating an Artful Community!



Program Mission

To enhance Martin County's visual landscape by integrating public art into both natural and built environments, thereby enriching the community's cultural experience and unique identity.



Program Goals

- **Cultural Enrichment**
- **Artistic Variety**
- **Quality and Relevance**
- **Professional Excellence**
- **Broad Accessibility**



Program Summary

- **Program Overview**

- Established in 1997
- Governed by Chapter 13

- **Funding**

- Set-aside of 1% on eligible County projects
- Annual allocation by BOCC: \$50,000 if no set-aside revenue

- **Fund Distribution**

- 70% allocated to art
- 30% allocated to administration/maintenance



Currently, there are 26 public artworks on display in Martin County.





Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC)

Comprised of the 7 member CRA Board

Roles and Responsibilities

- Oversee the County's Art in Public Places program
- Identify locations for new public art
- Approve scope of work for artist calls
- Select artists and artworks
- Recommend selections and locations to the BOCC



Public Art Inventory

Artwork	Artist(s)	Location
The Poet – Bronze sculpture	Dam DeNogales	Hoke Library
Mosaic Benches & Artistic Bike Racks (16 ea.)	Mia Lindberg	SR 707, Rio
Sea-Life Ceramic Relief Mural	Brenda Leigh	Stuart Beach
Bronze Gate	George Goddard	House of Refuge
Martin County Photography	Amy Koonz Knippel	Martin County Admin. Bldg.
Oasis Tile Bench	Glenn Schwaiger	Martin Cty. Correctional Facility
Sailfish Splash Murals	Carey Chen, Shannon Wiley, Julie Beaumont, Lynne Barletta, Nadia Serenyi	Sailfish Splash Water Park
Strike Force – Bronze sculpture	Terry Thommes	Fire Station, Pt. Salerno
Manatee Pocket Gateway	Sue Lampert	Port Salerno
Avian Muse Mobile	Harry McDaniel	Morgade Library
Shell Game Ceramic	Charlotte Lees	Hobe Sound
Live, Learn and Loggerhead	Mia Lindberg, Meg Whitmer, MC students	Hobe Sound Beach

Public Art Inventory

Continued

Artwork	Artist(s)	Location
Stained Glass Windows	Chris Dutch	Elisabeth Lahti Library
Florida Wildlife Mosaics	Jessica Gorlin Liddell	Halpatiokee Park
Southeast of Disorder	Scott Oberlink	Elliott Museum
Transponder	Gary Gresko	Gazebo Park
Tumbling Toward the Sun	Gary Gresko	Gazebo Park
Red Angle	Gary Gresko	Gazebo Park
Silent Sounds of Service	Gary Gresko	Gazebo Park
Yap Money Stones	Gary Gresko	Gazebo Park
Magnify	Kirk Seese	Cummings Library
Mosaic Lily Pond	Conrad Pickel Studio	The Mansion at Tuckahoe
Serenity	Brenda Leigh	Blake Library
Port Salerno Pelicans	Mia Lindberg	Manatee Gateway Bridge



Inventory Maintenance

- Each piece has a maintenance plan and budgetary projection
- Inventory is evaluated by staff on a regular basis
- Professional restorers or the Artist is contracted to perform maintenance

Artist: Jessica G. Liddell
Location: Halpatiokee Park
Artwork: Florida Wildlife Mosaics
Original Installation: 2002
Restoration Completion: 2021



Serenity

Artist: Brenda Leigh

Location: Blake Library Courtyard

Acquired: 2023





Port Salerno Pelicans

Artist: Mia Lindberg

Location: Manatee Gateway Bridge

Acquired: 2024

8 Mosaic Benches

8 Artistic Bike Racks



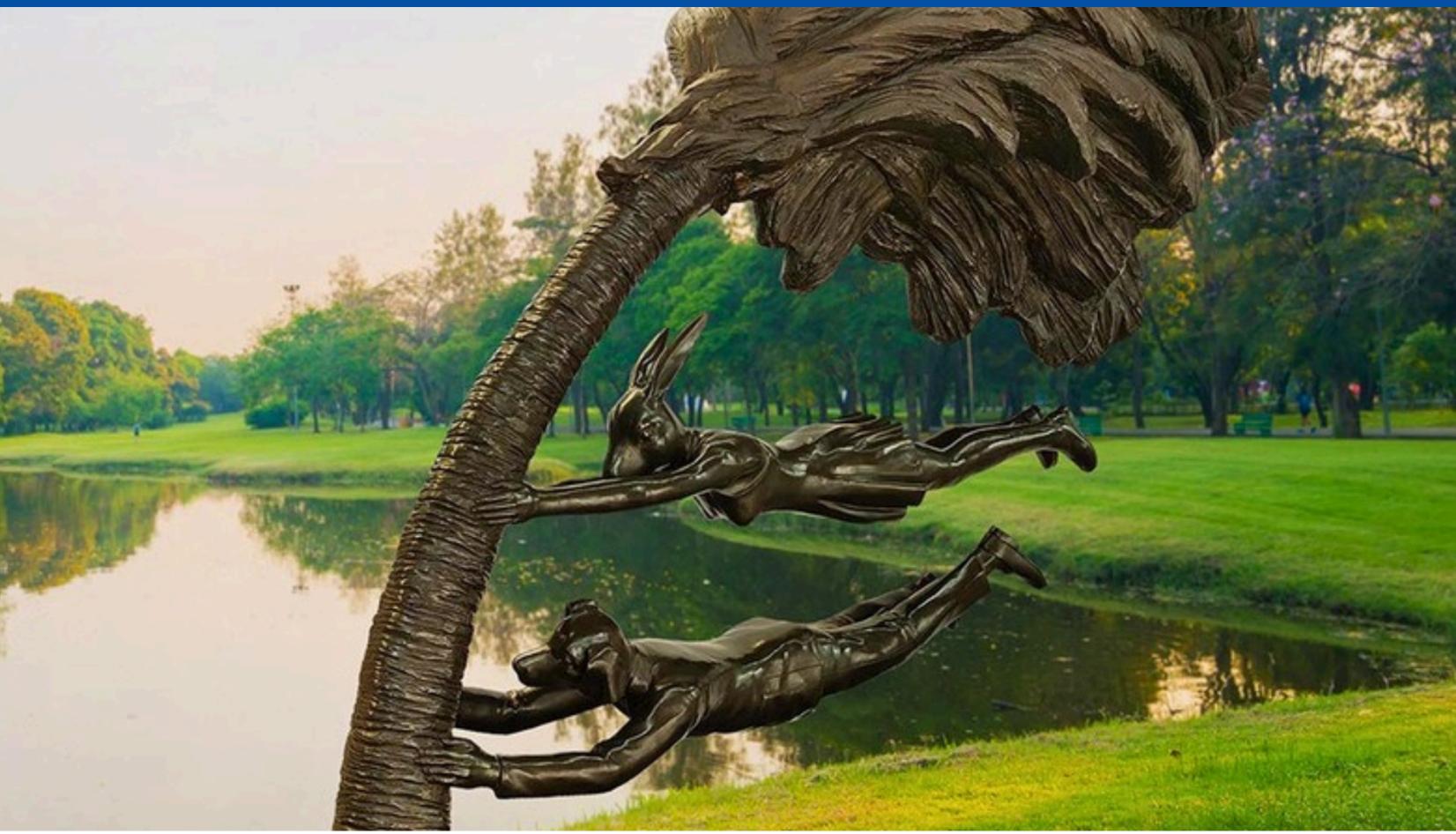
Artist: Mia Lindberg
Location: SE Dixie Highway, Rio
Acquired: 2023-4

Manatee Pocket Mooring Field Facility Glass Mosaic

Artist: Jim and Tess Dirks
Location: Port Salerno Manatee Pocket
Acquired: 2025



**'It Was a Windy
Day They Would
Never Forget'**



Artists: Gillie and Marc
Location: The Patio
at Palm City Place
Acquired: 2025



Acquisition Strategies



- Calls to Artists
- Open Project Proposals
- Direct Purchase
- Partnership with Local Schools
- Donation or Loan





Community Engagement

Martin County's Art in Public Places program fosters community connection through:

- Artwork dedication ceremonies celebrating new installations.
- Sponsorship of ArtsFest since 2020.
- Community presentations to raise public awareness.





ArtsFest 2025



ArtsFest 2024



ArtsFest 2023

Positive Impacts

- Economic growth and sustainability
- Urban revitalization
- Attachment and cultural identity
- Artists as contributors
- Social cohesion and cultural understanding
- Public health and belonging



86% of Americans believe “arts and culture improve my community’s quality of life and livability”.



72% of Americans believe “the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race, and ethnicity”.



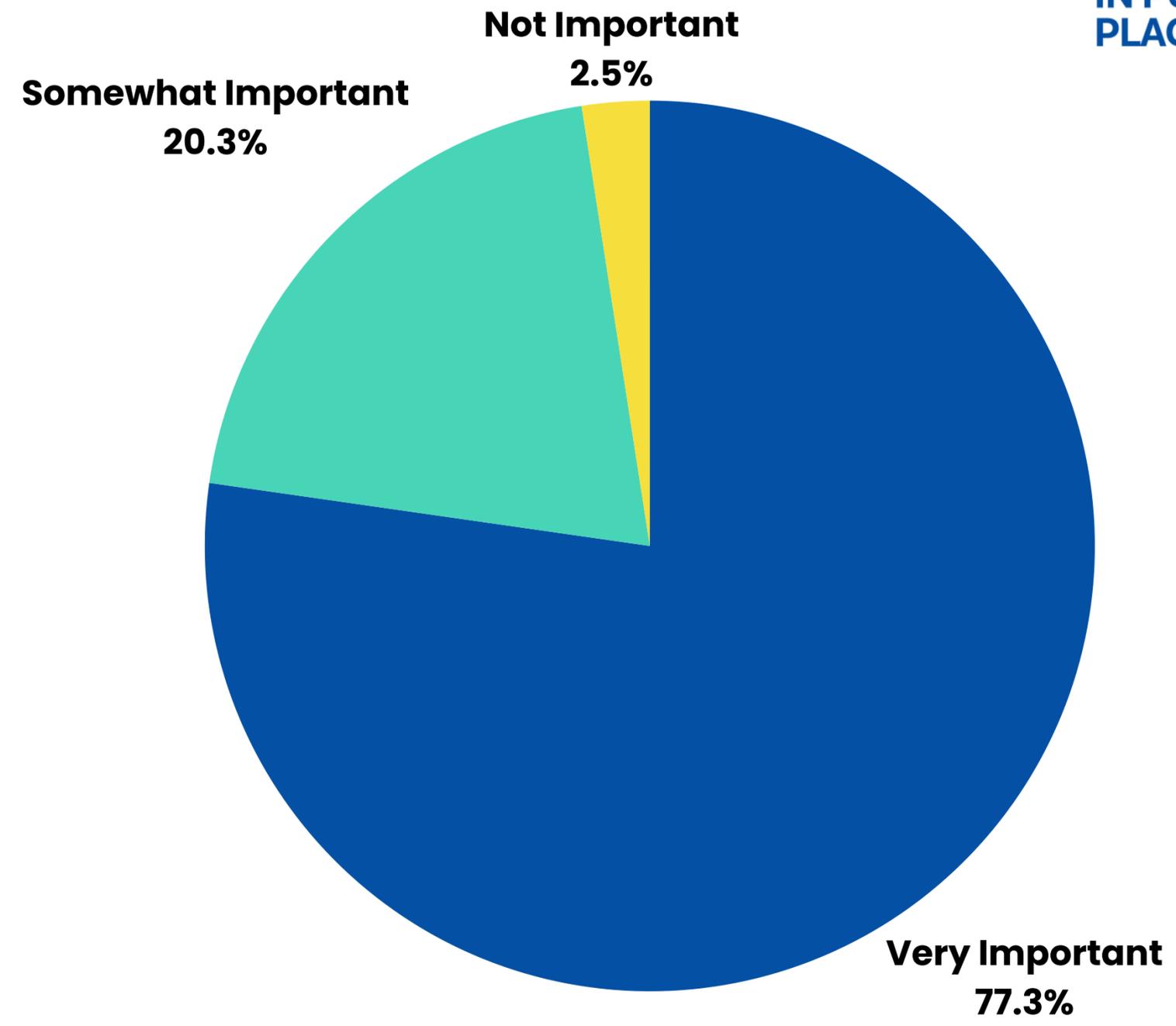
69% of Americans believe the arts “lift me up beyond everyday experiences”.

Source: Americans for the Arts, 2023 Public Opinion Study on the Arts (2024)

The Power of Public Art



1. How important do you believe public art is for enhancing our community?



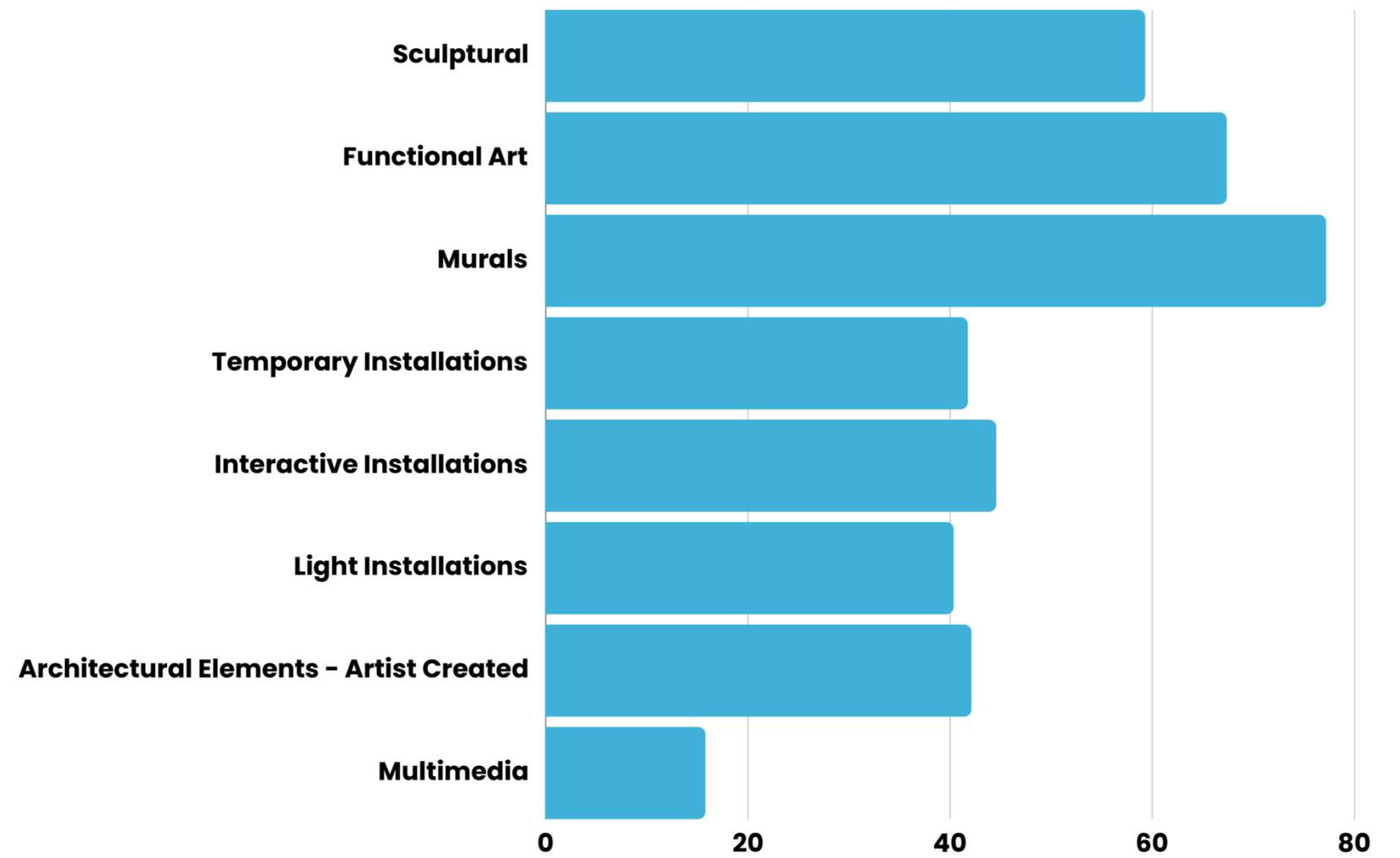
2. How would you rate the overall impact of Martin County's Art in Public Places program?

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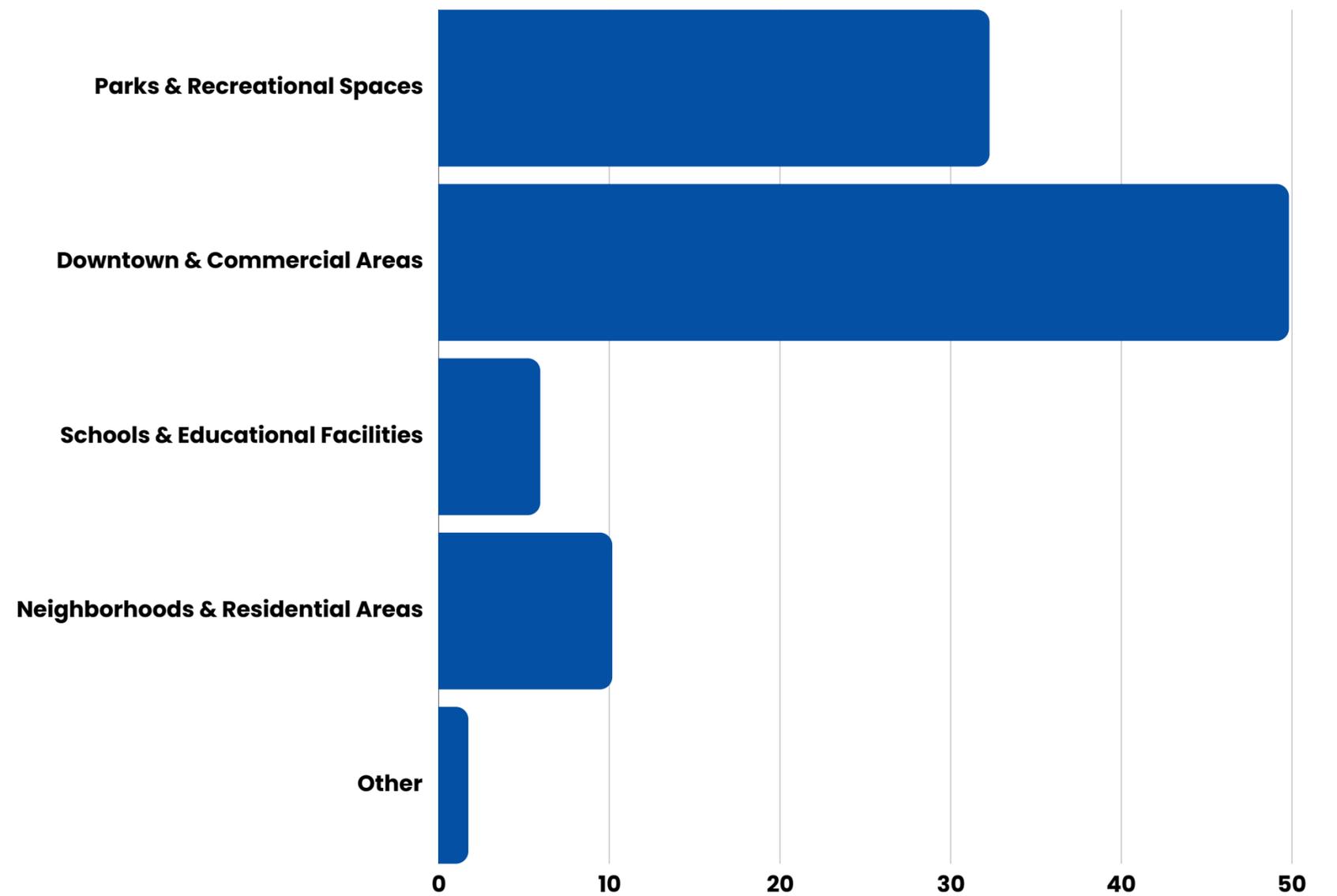
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January - December 2025*

3. What types of public art would you like to see more of in Martin County?



4. Where do you think public art installations would have the most impact?

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Community Feedback: Expanding Public Art in Martin County



- **Prioritize durable, vandal-resistant materials.**
- **Engage local schools and community members in the process.**
- **Showcase local culture, history, and identity.**
- **Increase visibility through murals, sculptures, and installations in public areas.**
- **Broad support for more public art across the County.**
- **Provide opportunities for local artists to participate and be celebrated.**



Upcoming AIPP Projects: Hobe Sound Public Library Mural + Book Benches

Mural: Nathan Delinois
Book Benches: Printera

Upcoming AIPP Projects: Mosaic Benches + Artistic Bike Racks



**16 Original Mosaic Benches &
Bike Racks... and 5 More
Coming Soon!**

Artist: Mia Lindberg

Location: SR 707/Dixie Hwy, Rio



Future AIPP Projects



**Gresko Goes to
Golden Gate**



**Temporary
Sculpture Exhibition
in Gazebo Park**



**Hoke Library
Eco-Art Project**



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Thank You!

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