

# Martin County 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**







# 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





# 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 revenue

- **Fund Distribution**

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



Currently, there  
are 24 public  
artworks on  
display in Martin  
County.





# NEW ARTWORK /CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION

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# Public Art Inventory

| Artwork  | Artist(s)   | Location                          |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| The Poet – Bronze sculpture                      | Dam DeNogales   | Hoke Library                      |
| Mosaic Benches & Artistic Bike Racks<br>(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,<br>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           |
| Pelican Sculptures       | 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



# INVENTORY MAINTENANCE PROJECTION

|    | ARTWORK                       | 2021                          | 2022            | 2023            | 2024            | 2025             | 2026             | 2027            | 2028            | 2029             |
|----|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|    | Annual New Budget             | 8,098.00                      | 5,000.00        | 5,000.00        | 5,000.00        | 5,000.00         | 5,000.00         | 5,000.00        | 5,000.00        | 5,000.00         |
|    | Carryforward Ending Balance   | 8,098.00                      | 1,110.00        | 2,710.00        | 4,810.00        | 5,233.00         | 10,233.00        | 2,958.00        | 4,538.00        | 6,538.00         |
|    | <b>Total Budget</b>           | <b>16,196.00</b>              | <b>6,110.00</b> | <b>7,710.00</b> | <b>9,810.00</b> | <b>10,233.00</b> | <b>15,233.00</b> | <b>7,958.00</b> | <b>9,538.00</b> | <b>11,538.00</b> |
| 1  | Sailfish Splash Murals        |                               | 240.00          |                 |                 |                  | 9,025.00         |                 | 3,000.00        | 3,000.00         |
| 2  | Rio Benches (8) Racks (8)     | Artist Maintains at no charge |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 3  | The Poet - Bronze             | 700.00                        |                 |                 |                 |                  | 700.00           | 700.00          |                 |                  |
| 4  | House of Refuge Bronze Gate   | 700.00                        |                 |                 |                 |                  | 700.00           | 700.00          |                 |                  |
| 5  | Ceramic Relief - Stuart Beach |                               | 2,230.00        |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 6  | Photography (4)               |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 7  | Southeast of Disorder         |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 8  | Strike Force - Bronze         | 600.00                        |                 |                 |                 |                  | 600.00           | 600.00          |                 |                  |
| 9  | Manatee Gateway               | 1,120.00                      |                 |                 | 3,975.00        |                  |                  | 1,120.00        |                 |                  |
| 10 | Hobe Sound Beach              |                               | 120.00          |                 | 602.00          |                  |                  | 300.00          |                 | 300.00           |
| 11 | Shell Game                    |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 12 | Avian Muse                    |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 13 | Halpatiokee Mosaics           | 3,868.00                      | 240.00          |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 14 | Stained Glass                 |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 15 | Oasis Mosaic Bench            |                               | 120.00          |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
| 16 | Magnify - Cummings Library    | Artist Maintains at no charge |                 |                 |                 |                  | Cty. Maintains   |                 |                 |                  |
| 17 | Gresko Sculptures (5)         |                               | 450.00          | 2,900.00        |                 |                  | 1,000.00         |                 |                 |                  |
| 19 | Serenity Mosaic Turtle        |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  | 250.00           |                 |                 |                  |
| 20 | Mosaic Lily Pond - Tuckahoe   |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  | 250.00           |                 |                 |                  |
|    |                               |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
|    |                               |                               |                 |                 |                 |                  |                  |                 |                 |                  |
|    | <b>Total Expense</b>          | <b>6,988.00</b>               | <b>3,400.00</b> | <b>2,900.00</b> | <b>4,577.00</b> | <b>-</b>         | <b>12,275.00</b> | <b>3,420.00</b> | <b>3,000.00</b> | <b>3,300.00</b>  |
|    | Ending Balance                | 1,110.00                      | 2,710.00        | 4,810.00        | 5,233.00        | 10,233.00        | 2,958.00         | 4,538.00        | 6,538.00        | 8,238.00         |



# Serenity

Artist: Brenda Leigh

Location: Blake Library Courtyard

Acquired: 2023



• "SERENITY" •  
Brenda Leigh





# Port Salerno Pelicans

Artist: Mia Lindberg

Location: Manatee Gateway Bridge

Acquired: 2024

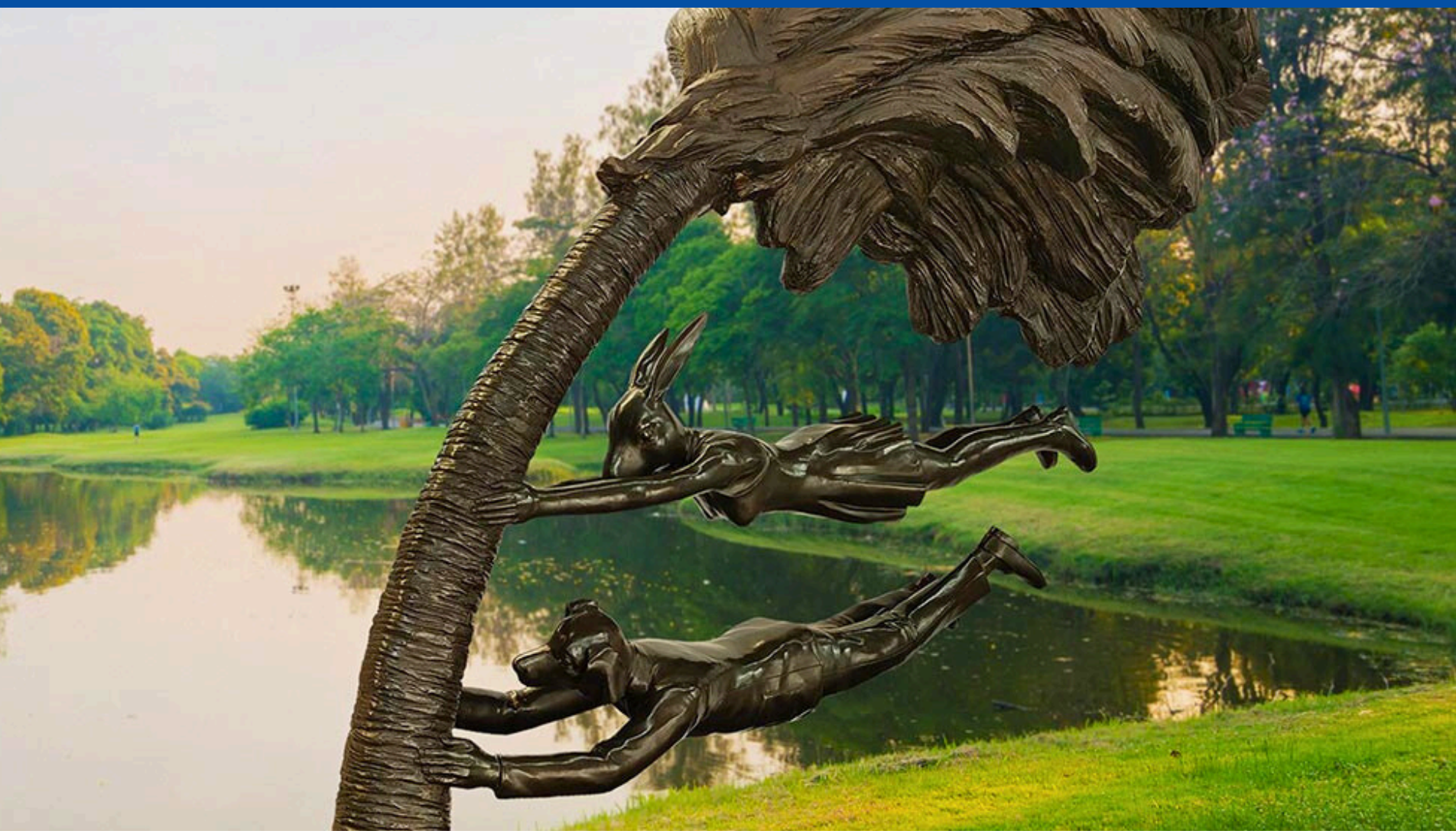




**Current AIPP Projects:**  
**Manatee Pocket**  
**Mooring Field Mosaic**



# Current AIPP Projects: *'It Was a Windy Day They Would Never Forget'*



**Artists:** Gillie and Marc

**Location:** The Patio  
at Palm City Place





# OPERATING / ADMINISTRATION

## OPERATING BUDGET

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Administration | 14,500.00 |
|----------------|-----------|

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|-------------------------|--------|
| OCD Staff Program Admin | 10,000 |
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| FAPAP Membership | 150 |
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| MCTV Contract | 1000 |
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|------------------------|------|
| Artwork Administration | 3350 |
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# 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.
- 'The Creative Current' art show collaboration with MCTV and the Martin Artisans Guild!







**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”.

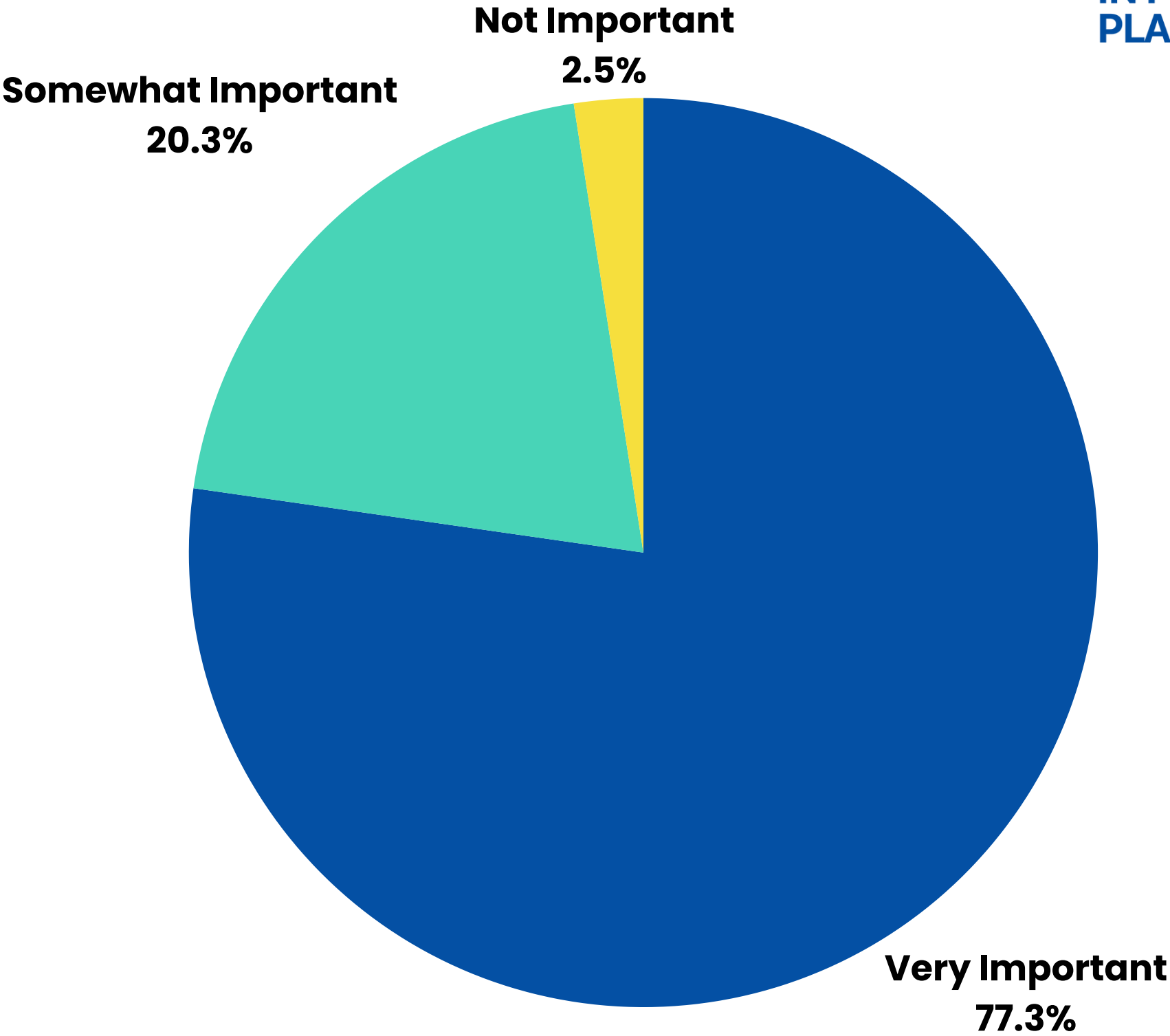
**Source:** Americans for the Arts, 2023 Public Opinion Study on the Arts (2024)

# The Power of Public Art





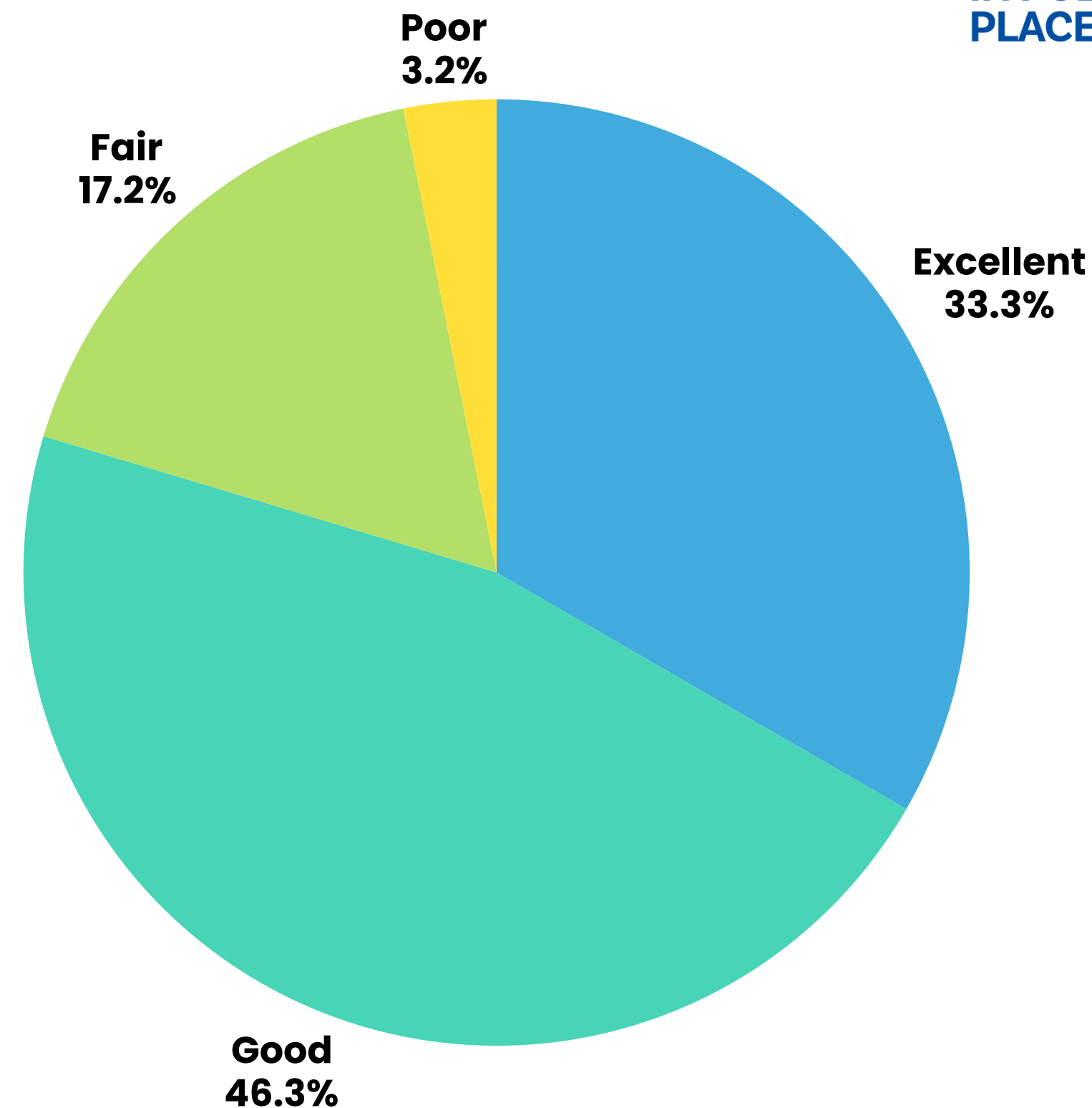
1. How important do you believe public art is for enhancing our community?





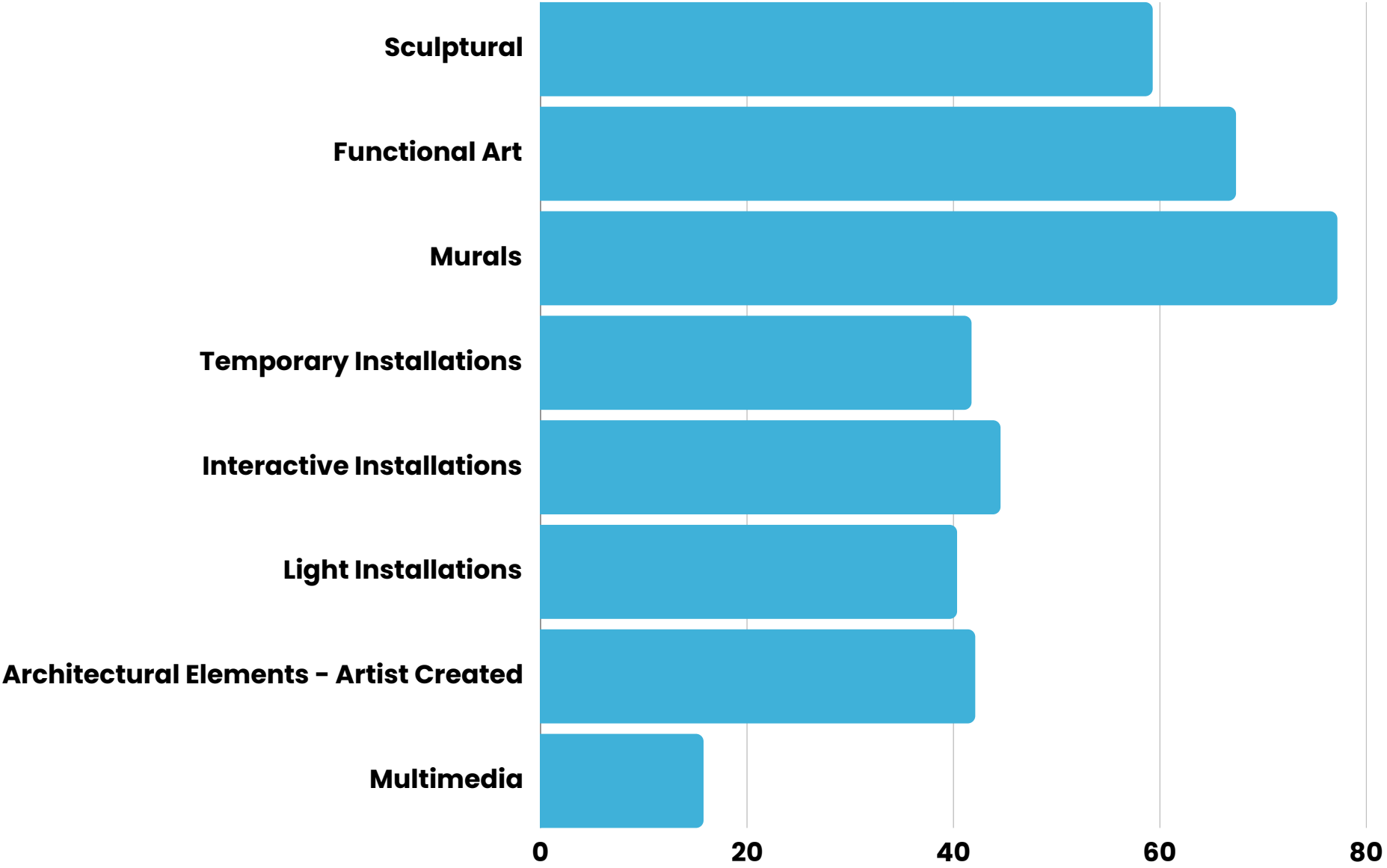
## 2. How would you rate the overall impact of Martin County's Art in Public Places program?

*Martin County Art in Public Places Survey Results  
January - August 2025*





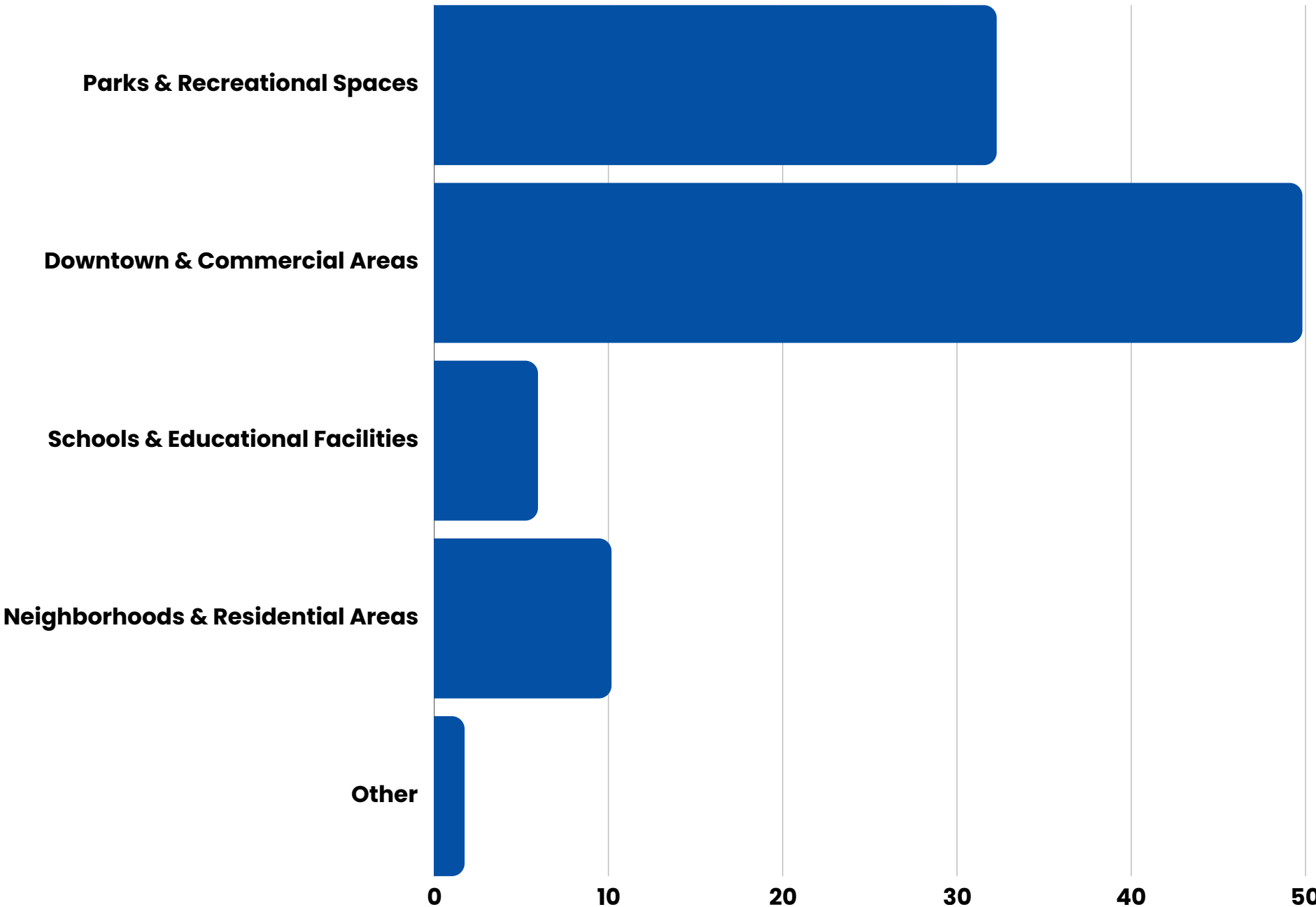
# 3. What types of public art would you like to see more of in Martin County?





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

Martin County Art in Public Places Survey Results  
January - August 2025







## **Community Feedback: Expanding Public Art in Martin County**

*Martin County Art in Public Places Survey Results  
January – August 2025*

- **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**



# 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:



**Palm City Place  
Nature Signage**



**Utility Box Wraps**



**Temporary  
Sculpture Exhibition  
in Gazebo Park**





## Martin County Art In Public Places

# Thank You!

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