

## Call for Entry: Design and Application

*Riverscape MetroPark Storm Sewer Riser*

**Deadline: March 15, 2021**

### Timeline

Launch Call for Entry	February 8, 2021
Deadline for Submissions:	March 15, 2021
Committee Review & Selection:	Week of March 22, 2021 (tentative)
Winner Announced:	Week of March 29, 2021 (tentative)
Production (Weather permitting):	April-May, 2021 (Weather permitting)
Completion & Recognition Event:	late June, 2021 (final date tbd)

### Description

This is a request for proposals for a painted (or other pre-approved media) design to cover a storm sewer riser located at RiverScape MetroPark. The riser is a concrete cylindrical form with a flat top, 55 inches in circumference and 55" high. The top of the form includes a large rusted steel manhole cover. The form sits on at the newly designed River Run Plaza, on a platform area of light tan concrete and with the "back" portion integrated into a series of 4 levels of stone benching, all designed to serve as a casual gathering space and viewing area for River Run. The selection committee is seeking a design that connects to the elements on and around the riser, including the water, waves, stonework, colors and patterns in the landscape and the large mural across the river.

### Location & Background

RiverScape MetroPark, located at 111 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, OH, 45402, opened in 2001 and was the centerpiece of a highly collaborative effort to invigorate the redevelopment downtown Dayton. Serving the city and the region, RiverScape has become greater Dayton's metaphorical front porch, a gathering place for the community for multi-cultural festivals, concerts, and day-to-day enjoyment along Dayton's urban riverfront.

In 2018, the River Run was completed at RiverScape MetroPark. This in-river feature, aligned with the end of Jefferson Street, created a variety of paddling opportunities, most notably river surfing in kayaks or paddleboards. In 2020, onshore amenities were completed to compliment the River Run, including spaces for food trucks and kayak trailers as well as a mid-levee plaza that provides a hangout space for spectators of the River Run paddlers and those enjoying the river.

More information: <https://www.metroparks.org/places-to-go/riverscape/>  
<https://www.metroparks.org/river-run/>

### Eligibility

Eligibility for the project is as follows:

- Any amateur or professional artist or designer age 18 and older is eligible to apply. Artists under the age of 18 may apply if they are part of a team with at least one member that is 18 or older.

- Applications must have primary residence within a 40-mile radius of downtown Dayton.
- Submissions can be made by individuals, groups, classes or teams.
- Submission may be for design and production or design only. If design only, artist will work with contracted artist to complete project.
- Final design will be selected by a committee made up of Five Rivers MetroParks staff and arts professionals.
- In the case of a tie, semi-finalists may be selected to submit a final design. In this case, semi-finalists will be offered a modest stipend for final design.
- If selected, sign an agreement with project organizers.
- If selected, complete the mural by June 30, 2021.
- A plaque with artist name(s) will be place at the mural site.

**Compensation**

- Design Award \$2,500
- Production Budget: \$1,000 (note: this is the max amount for labor & supplies, receipts must be submitted).

**Proposal Requirements**

Complete proposals must be submitted via email with attachments by project deadline, Monday, March 15, 2021, midnight to Cydnie King, Curatorial Assistant, cking@thecontemporarydayton.org.

- Subject line: ArtSource Proposal: MetroPark
- Attachment 1 - Word Doc with the following:
  - Artist’s contact information: name, mailing address, phone, email, website (optional)
  - Description of design; include media and explanation of imagery
- Attachment 2 - Résumé or Word Doc with brief biography of the artist/team’s experience
- Attachment 3 – up to 10 jpegs:
  - Proposed site designs, including full design and/or detail
  - Design rendered to scale applied to the intended surface. A rudimentary image of the design drawn or digitally placed atop the riser is permissible. The design should must take up at least 75% of the vertical and horizontal concrete surface of the riser.
  - If submitting to produce design (paint or other media): sample images of similar work the artist has produced (murals, etc.)

**Design Guidelines and Evaluation Criteria**

The following guidelines should be considered for every submission:

Likely to Be Considered	Not Likely to Be Considered
- Flat application of paint	- Textural/3D or anything that requires material additions to the paint
- Palettes of 10 or fewer different paint colors/shades	- Broad color ranges with tinting, shading, or blending,
- Builds a sense of place, with a connection to Dayton, RiverScape and the river. - Fun, creative, and iconic.	- Generic designs or murals that do not incorporate locally significant themes
- Original work of art	- Trademarked, or copyrighted materials

*Images of Storm Sewer Riser*



*view from plaza looking out to River Run*

**Contact Information:**

Cydnie King, Curatorial Assistant, The Contemporary Dayton

[cking@thecontemporarydayton.org](mailto:cking@thecontemporarydayton.org)

937/224.3822