

# Safe and Active Flint Coalition & Green Arts Project Bicycle Rack Design Competition

Art has the power to encourage us all to enjoy our City by bicycle. The Safe and Active Flint Coalition and the Green Arts Project at the University of Michigan - Flint are accepting entries from artists to build creative and fun bicycle racks to be placed around the City of Flint. A final location for installation will be determined by the Safe and Active Flint Coalition.

We encourage you to submit original sculptures that represent, in your interpretation, the spirit and character of Flint. The design must consider the look of the existing streetscape in downtown Flint and be black in color. Submissions must be functional and recognizable as a bicycle rack. The following guidelines will help artists create a design that will function well as a bike rack.

- The bike rack should:
  - support each bicycle upright by its frame in two places,
  - prevent the wheel of the bike from tipping over, and
  - enable the frame and one of the wheels to be secured using a standard U-lock or cable.
- Racks designed to hold several bikes in a row should be spaced on 30" centers, to allow for handlebars, pedals, sidebags, etc. Racks must hold at least two bicycles.
- The locking points must be ***between 1 and 3 feet off the ground***. They must be at least 1 inch thick to deter bicycle theft, and cannot be more than 4" thick, which would prohibit the use of U-locks.
- Racks should be designed to be mounted permanently to a concrete surface. We prefer ½" bolt hole plates on the bottom of the work.
- **All entries must be safe to the touch and endure over time.**
- The "floor space" for most of the locations in the City is: 5 feet x 3 feet

Design submissions may be in the form of drawings, photos or maquettes. The artist may also include examples of other work as background for the jury's consideration. Each artist may submit up to 3 designs. The artist is also asked to include an artist statement about the work itself.

The Safe and Active Flint Coalition will give the racks to the Crim Fitness Foundation who will install them. Appropriate signage on the sidewalk beside the piece will name the artist and the Green Arts Project website where further information about the artist and the program will be available. Every effort will be made to publicize the work with the local media.

Submissions must be received by May 5, 2008. The entries will be judged at the Smart Commute Information Fair, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the UM-Flint Pavilion. Artists will be contacted with the jury's decisions by May 12, 2008 with installation of accepted work by August 15, 2008.

The jury will select 1 work for purchase for \$1000. Work that is not deemed to be the same as the proposed design or constructed in a safe and durable manner may be rejected by the jury.

## Flint Bicycle Rack Design Competition: Artist Application

Artist Name:

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Street Address:

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City, State, Zip Address:

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Phone:

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Email:

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Website:

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Artists are asked to submit up to three entries. Please annotate all entries with size, material, and method of installation

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