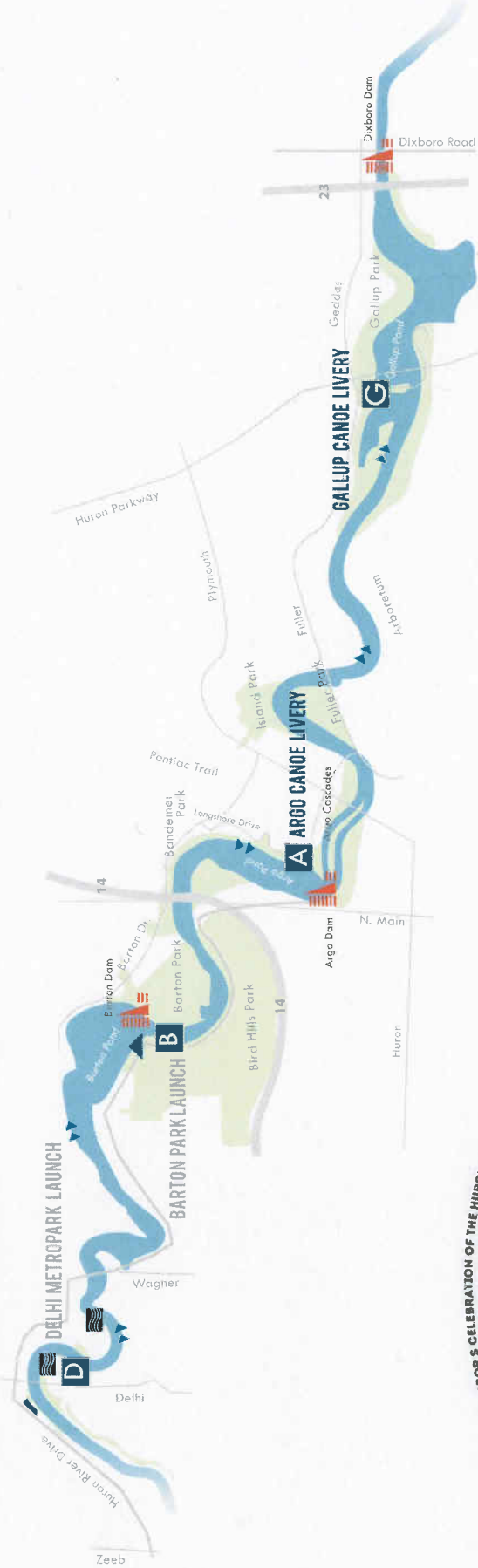


CALL FOR ARTWORK: Canoe Imagine Art Project 2014-15

The Arts Alliance, in cooperation with the City of Ann Arbor (the City) and the Ann Arbor Public Art Commission (AAPAC) invites artists or artist teams to submit applications for temporary public art sculptures for the Canoe Imagine Art project. Canoe Imagine Art (CIA) is a public art project that repurposes canoes retired by the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan with the purpose of celebrating the history and attributes of the Huron River and/or the City's park system. Four artworks will be selected through a juried and public process for temporary installations in Spring 2015. Selected artists will receive a \$5,000 honoraria plus up to ten recycled canoes.



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Located in southeastern Michigan, the Huron River Watershed is made up of all of the land, creeks, and streams that drain into the Huron River. The watershed and river system supports a tremendous variety of wildlife, scenic areas and recreation sites. The Huron River Watershed spans 908 square miles and the Huron River itself measures 125 miles. The Huron River runs through the city of Ann Arbor and much of the shoreline is natural parkland.

The Huron River is generally a calm river with a few riffles plus the Argo Cascades, a section of drops and pools. The Ann Arbor section of river has 4 dams which provides stillwater paddling in both Bandemer and Gallup Park. The City of Ann Arbor operates the two largest canoe liveries in the State with 550 boats and over 70,000 boat renters each year. River experiences include paddling in two-mile ponds, adventurous river trips varying in length from 3.7 miles to 7.1 miles, enjoying the trails following the river or passive recreation in our river parks.





The sites throughout the City

#1: **Bandemer Site** – Main entrance to park off Barton Shore Drive. Large grass area east of first parking lot and north of river. This site is on Argo Pond and is accessible by boats rented from the City canoe liveries. Visible from road, parking lot, trail and river.



#2: **Bandemer Site** – South of river and public docks. Small grass triangle area defined by paved paths. Site is adjacent to river with shrubs blocking direct view of river. This site is on Argo Pond and is accessible by boats rented from the City canoe liveries. Area used by trail users, disc golfers and boaters for the docks, restrooms and shelter provide a good stopping point along the river.



Information & Promotion

A website has been created and will be updated throughout the duration of the project.

We'll share information about the project, site images and eventually post artists renderings and have a link there for people to vote when the time comes.

Bookmark:
a2gov.org/canoeimagineart

#3: **Broadway Park** – Large grass area west of river near Broadway bridge and Amtrak rail. Access to park is only by foot, stairs off Broadway bridge, or by boat. Each year over 40,000 people rent boats from the City liveries and paddle down the river passing by this park. Most visible location for viewing from river and is the site closes to downtown Ann Arbor.

#4: **Riverside Park** – Medium size grass area adjacent to redbud tree grove north of river and paved Border-to-Border trail. The Border-to-Border trail is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclers. Each year over 40,000 people rent boats from the City liveries and paddle down the river passing by this park. There is a small parking lot adjacent and the site is visible by trail and river.

#5: **Island Park** – Large grass area on north side of river adjacent to a boat landing site. Popular location for groups and boat renters to stop and take a break for each year over 40,000 people rent boats from the City liveries and paddle down the river passing by this park. Site east of picnic shelter and restroom and there is a parking lot adjacent. It is not on a pedestrian trail and it is visible from the river.



#6: **Gallup Park** – Large grass area and small hill bordered by paved paths. Adjacent to Gallup Park's public boat launch and a parking lot. Gallup Park is Washtenaw County's most popular park with many trail and river users. Gallup Park Canoe Livery rents boats for paddling in Gallup Pond. Visible from trail, parking lot and from the river.

#7: **Gallup Park** – Large grass area adjacent to pedestrian bridge spanning river, Gallup Park's picnic shelters, a Gallup Park playground, restrooms and a parking lot. Area heavily used by groups renting a picnic shelter, by children playing in the playground, by people using the trails and by people renting boats from the Gallup Park Livery.

Thank you for your interest in Canoe Imagine Art! We're very excited about this collaborative project and look forward to hearing from you.

