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SUBJECT: Ann Arbor Public Art Commission Manchester Elevated Tank Project

The Manchester Elevated Painting contest closed on December 15, 2015.

The Commission would like to recognize **Bill Burgard** as the contest winner. His entry of the depiction of the birds, fish and wildlife was selected by public vote. Over 3,200 people voted in the contest.

Bill is a free lance illustrator/design who has worked in the Ann Arbor his entire career. He is a lecturer at the University of Michigan Stamps School of Art and Design. Among his local work, he created 25 years of posters for the Ann Arbor Summer Festival. He lives near the Manchester water tower and wanted to contribute a strong design as he goes by it most every day. His desire is to push artwork to be like none you've seen in any other city.

Staff plans to meet with the artist and the contractor over the next few months to discuss execution details. The painting of the tower is planned to be completed this summer.

The Commission and City Staff send their gratitude to all who participated in the contest, both by contributing designs and voting on the five finalists. The City intends to display all the entries (almost 600 of them) at an open house at the Water Treatment Plant during Drinking Water Week in early May 2016. All of the public is invited to attend.