

ROWNTREE MILLS PARK

ACTIVITY BOOK

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Welcome to the Rowntree Mills Park Activity Book, part of the From Weeds We Grow project. We invite you to use this book when visiting the park. Take part in activities, and share your creations on social media using #growwithsteps and tagging @stepsinitiative.

From Weeds We Grow, led by The STEPS Initiative, is an ongoing public art project connecting individuals with art, nature and each other. From Weeds We Grow culminates in an interactive web app, exploring the park through 360 video, spoken word performances, community stories, and hands-on art activities. The app will launch in Fall 2020. To learn more, visit www.stepsinitiative.com and follow @stepsinitiative. See you at the park!

"Today, the park is widely utilized by the community members and residents surrounding the Humber River for bike rides, walks, hikes, bird watching, deer spotting, fishing, picnics, small gatherings and much much more. A beautiful hidden Gem of a park in the Rexdale community, proudly one of Toronto's largest!"

The park means a lot to me and my family. Its open space is a great way to get some exercise of the mind and body. I appreciate nature so much more enjoying a stroll through Rowntree Mills Park."

- Ms. Ellie aka @FOURONESIX LOVE

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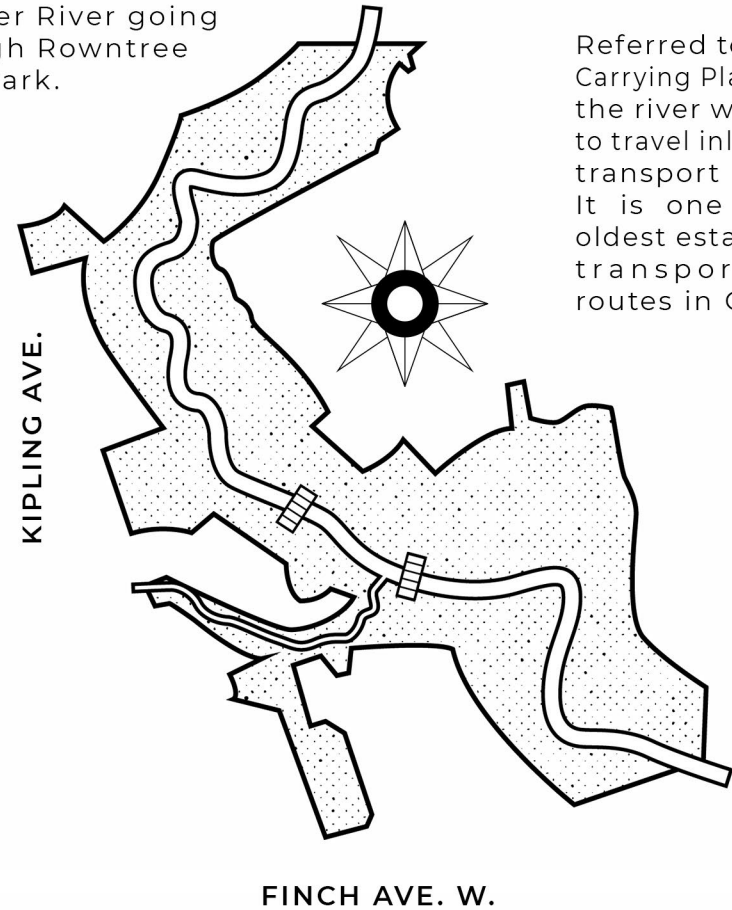
CONNECT THE DOTS



How many frogs can you find in the park?

HUMBER RIVER

This map shows the Humber River going through Rowntree Mills Park.



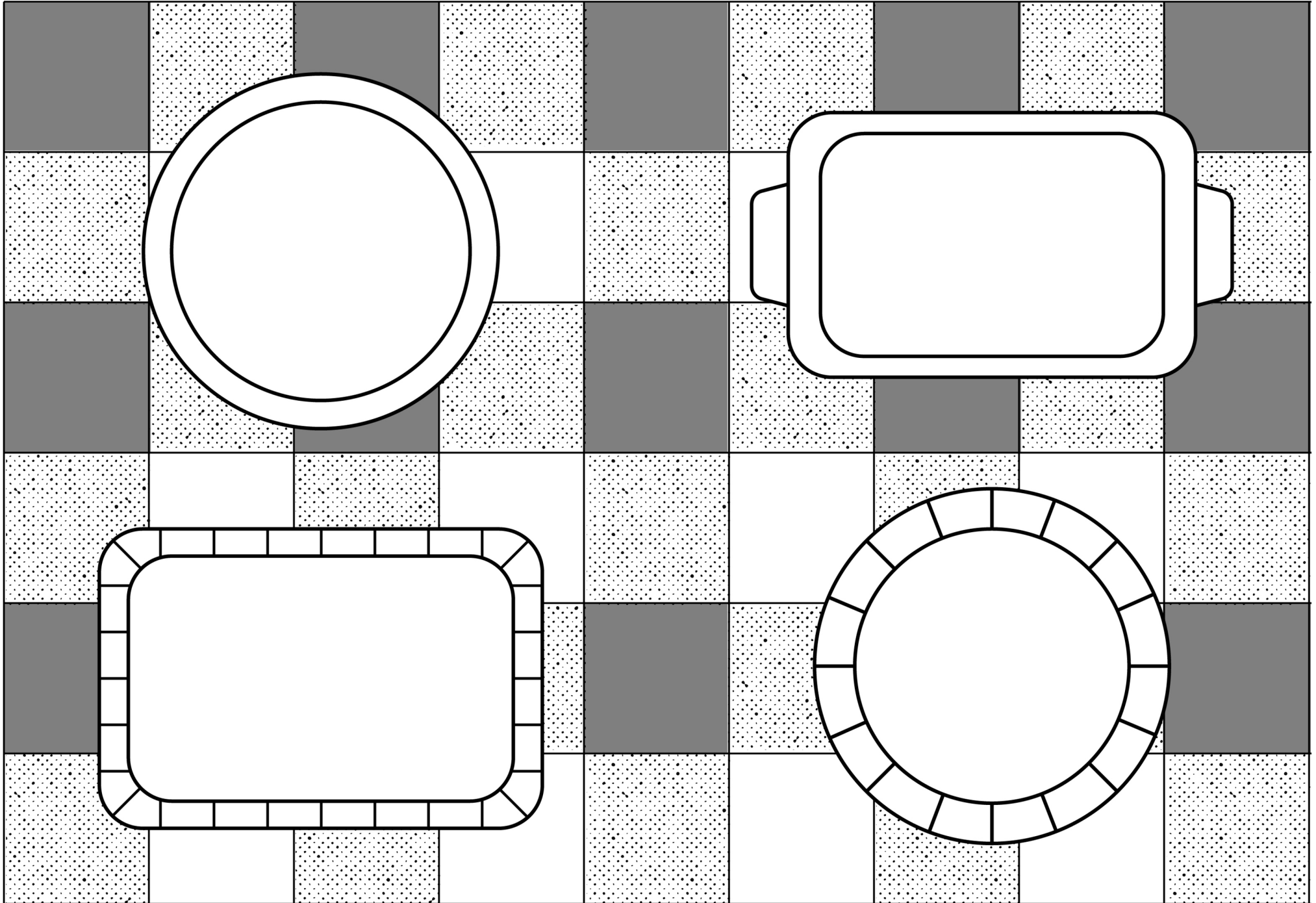
Referred to as the Carrying Place Trail, the river was used to travel inland and transport goods. It is one of the oldest established transportation routes in Canada.

What can you find by the Humber River?

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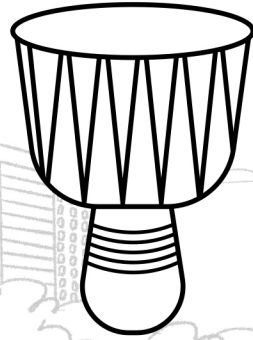
PACK A PICNIC

What did you eat at the park today?
Draw your favourite picnic food below!

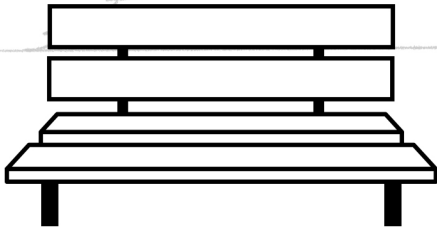


DESIGN YOUR OWN PUBLIC ART PIECE

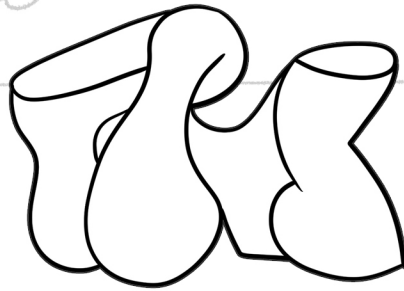
Public Art is art in public space. Whether 2D or 3D, it has the potential to respond to its location and/ or current events, and represents the community that surrounds it.



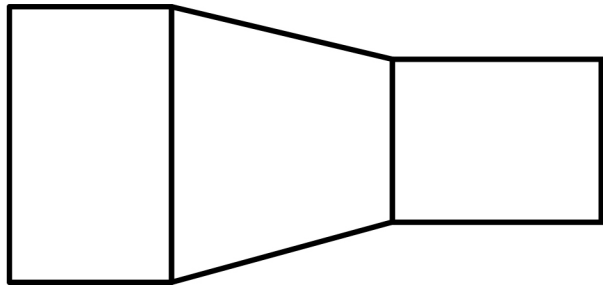
DRUM CIRCLE



PAINTED PARK BENCH

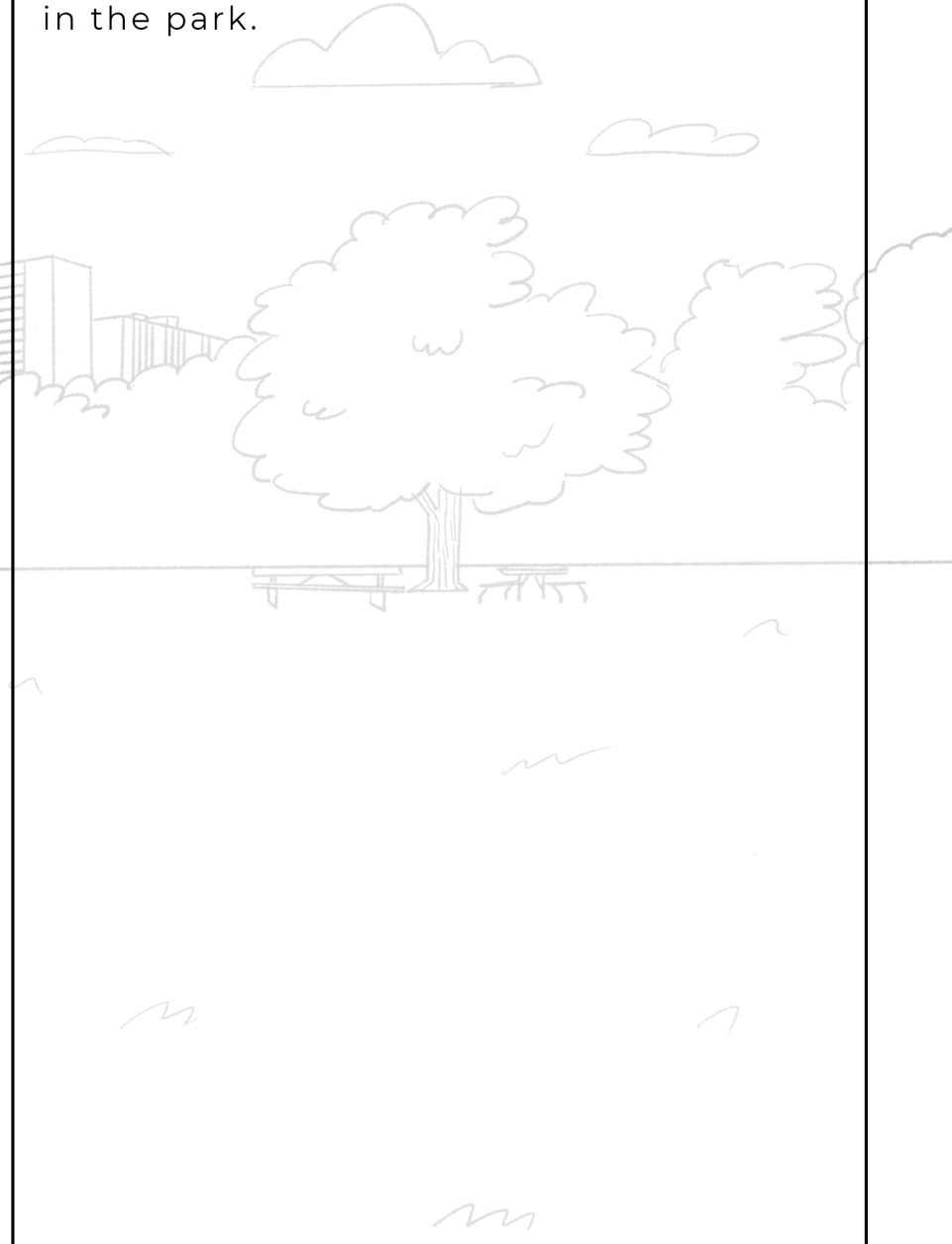


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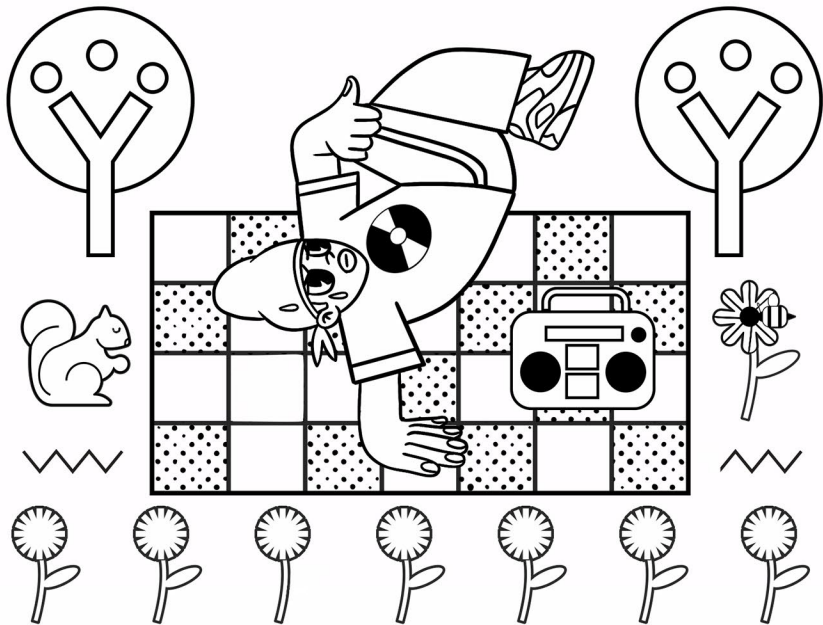
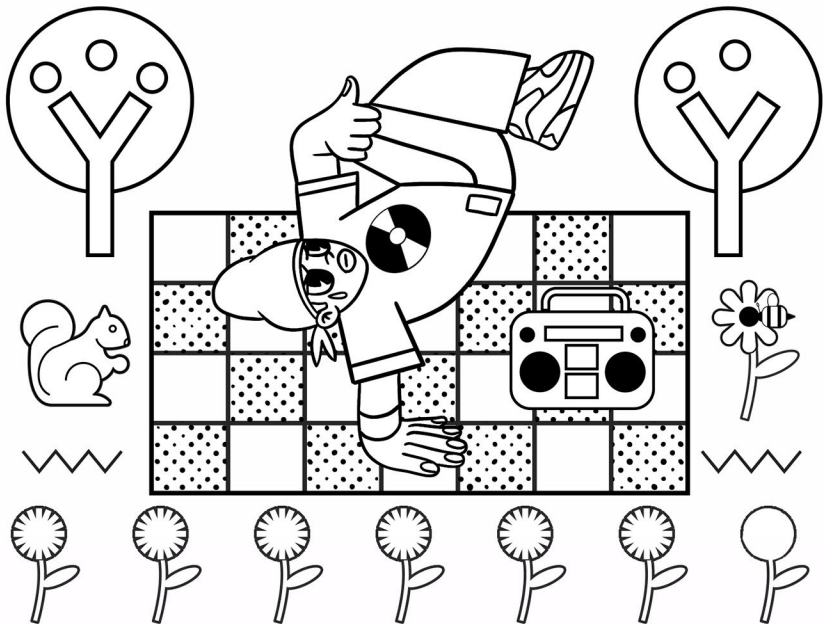


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What kind of public art would you like to see at Rowntree Mills? Use the space below to design your own public art piece in the park.



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



ANSWER: 12

WORDSEARCH

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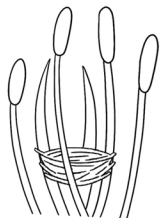
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| Manitoba Maple | Silver Maple | Dandelion |
| Ohio Buckeye | Lilac | Morning-Glory |
| Sugar Maple | Garlic Mustard | Paper Birch |
| Freeman Maple | Norway Maple | Wood Sedge |

Can you find these plants and trees at the park?



BIRD WATCH!

1. Marsh Vegetation



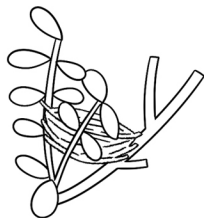
2. Ground



3. Thistle



4. Shrubs



5. Oak Tree



Match the birds to their habitats:



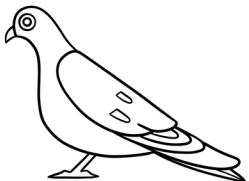
Blue Jay

Preferably inhabits areas with Oak and Beech trees. Nests are situated on the sturdy outer branches of a tree.



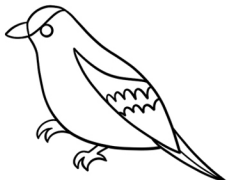
Northern Cardinal

Inhabits dense foliage, shrubs, and thickets. Nests in shrubs and trees.



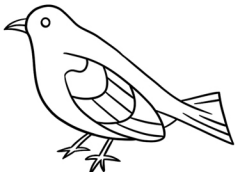
Mourning Dove

Found in almost any spacious territories. Nests in trees, shrubs, building ledges, and on the ground.



American Goldfinch

Inhabits valleys of thistles and dandelions, surrounded by trees & shrubs. Nests in shrubs, trees, and dense weeds.



Red-Winged Blackbird

Prefer living in saltwater marshes. Nests in shrubs, trees, or in marsh vegetation.

Can you find these birds in the park?

Special thanks to local resident Jiya for her research and bird watching skills!

ANSWER: BLUE JAY:5, NORTHERN CARDINAL:4, MOURNING DOVE:2, AMERICAN GOLDFINCH:3, RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD:1

About STEPS

The STEPS Initiative is a Canadian-based public art organization that develops one-of-a-kind art initiatives and engagement strategies that transform public spaces. We are responsible for Canada's largest and most community-engaged public art initiatives.

Together with our partners, we transform urban areas into vibrant public spaces, helping artists, community organizations, BIAs, and developers push creative and technical boundaries - breathing new artistic energy into our public spaces.

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