

Norwich Business Improvement District - DRI Public Art Project

In 2022, the Development Chenango Corporation (Commerce Chenango) was awarded \$600,000 for a Downtown small project grant fund—of which \$350,000 was spent supporting property owners' renovations. The remaining funds, supplemented with additional funding from the Friends of the Park and generous local foundations, has been allocated to public art for Downtown Norwich.

The DRI Public Art Fund Committee and Commerce Chenango are gearing up to begin this project, starting with the launch of a request for artist qualifications next week. A group of finalists from the RFQ submissions will be asked to produce formal design proposals. Final artwork proposals will be selected in the fall following public and stakeholder feedback, with installation planned for spring 2027.

Awarded artists will design and install *five sculptures and one mural* in the below locations.

- Sculpture #1: At the entrance to 47 S. Broad Street from the sidewalk.
- Sculpture #2: In the sidewalk bump-out on the west side of S. Broad Street at American Ave.
- Sculpture #3: On the sidewalk on the east side of S. Broad Street at American Ave.
- Sculpture #4: In the northeast corner of West Park.
- Sculpture #5: In a new linear park being created along E. Park Place in the curbside area.
- Mural: On the west facing wall of the Commerce Chenango building.

The BID is very much looking forward to what this project will bring to Downtown Norwich, and we'll keep you posted as it progresses. ➡