

Creative Gateways: Expressing Frederick's Distinct Identity-An Ideas Exhibit

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About '*Creative Gateways: Expressing Frederick's Distinct Identity–An Ideas Exhibit*':

Roundabouts and Gateways pose an opportunity to transform important and highly visible areas into distinct zones that facilitate unique and memorable experiences. This exhibition brings together the creative vision of over 20 individual artists who have contemplated the potential of these zones to activate the county's distinct cultural, historical, and ecological identity.

The exhibition was inspired by the French term, *charrette*, which is defined as a collaborative planning process that harnesses the talents and energies of all interested parties to inform an initiative that represents transformative community change. The goal of this charrette is to raise awareness about the potential for artwork surrounding the county's gateways to establish Frederick's unique identity.

The exhibition includes local, national, and international artists contributing their ideas for engaging ways to activate these key welcoming spaces. The works cover a variety of styles, from mosaic-like sculptural pieces to light-infused metal lanterns; and includes numerous themes such as spreading awareness about endangered species of the area as well as types of agricultural products; and includes a variety of materials such as wood and modeled earth art. Audiences are encouraged to give feedback to the showcase to help direct the next step of this long term project by leaving their critique and ideas in the Ideas Boxes placed throughout the exhibit.

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