

PROGRAM PUTS WORKS OF ART OUT IN THE OPEN

County public arts projects

Several public art projects are being planned in Palm Beach County. Some have been completed and others are in progress.

Art installed or being created

1. Palm Beach International Airport
2. Palm Beach County Courthouse
3. South County Courthouse, art to be installed
4. West County Courthouse, art to be installed
5. Palm Beach County Hattie Fields Head Start Facility

Future sites for projects

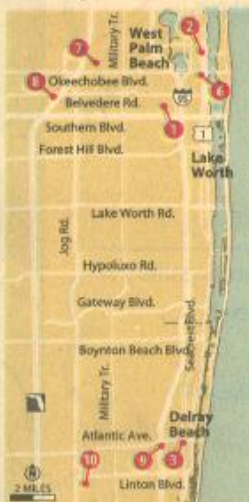
6. Palm Beach County Convention Center
7. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Station 23
8. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Training Facility, facility to be built
9. South County Administrative Complex
10. South County Civic Center



SOURCE: Palm Beach County Art in Public Places

Future projects

- Black Heritage Trail
- Lake Okeechobee Community Arts Trail



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Cultural projects escape museums in \$1.5 million voter-backed plan

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Sumptuous murals in a multitude of colors, artsy benches that attract photographers as well as pedestrians and sculptures fit for a garden. The public will be seeing a lot more art in the community and it won't be in museums.

Palm Beach County's Art in Public Places program is moving forward with \$1.5 million for art projects.

Borrowing from a culture and recreation measure approved by voters in 2002 will fund about 10 projects to be placed throughout the county, including at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach and the South County Civic Center west of Delray Beach, county officials said.

Public art can take many forms, from shade-providing breezeways to art deco-styled building entrances. Public art locations also frequently become gathering places for the community.

The Gates in New York City's Central Park was a recent public art project of grand scale, featuring a series of saffron-colored, free-flowing fabric panels hung from the top of a series of gates throughout the park. It attracted more than 4 million visitors and generated an estimated \$254 million in economic activity, according to the New York City mayor's office.

"Public art enhances the beauty of an environment, making it functional and pleasing to look at all at the same time," said Elayna Toby Singer, the county's first full-time Art in Public Places admin-



JUDICIAL BENCHES: Miami artist Carlos Alves designs tiles for benches to be placed outside the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach.
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istrator. "It notches up the curb appeal and engages all citizens of the county in art."

This summer, the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach will be getting a huge facelift. Miami artists Carlos

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ABOUT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Palm Beach County Art in Public Places is looking for artists to participate in upcoming projects. Register at www.pbcgov.com/fdo/Art/Registry.htm

For more information, call 561-233-0235 or visit the Art in Public Places Web site. www.pbcgov.com/fdo/Art/home.htm