



2024 Bike Rack Design Contest Information Packet

Submission Process

Application: Any individual or group is eligible to participate in the contest. Enter the contest via **this** online form or by completing the enclosed application and either emailing it to downtownmorrisplains@gmail.com or sending it by mail to 8 Forest Court, Morris Plains, NJ 07950.

Design Worksheet: Following the specifications below, use the enclosed worksheet for your design. The finished worksheet can be delivered by email or postal mail.

- Draw within the provided worksheet! The dotted line reflects the preferred design area, but the full page can be utilized if necessary.
- Dimensions: racks should be at least 30 inches high. There should be two roughly vertical elements that are spaced about 20" to 30" apart that serve to support the parked bikes. The racks should be between 2-4' long with a maximum of 6'. Racks should be flat/two-dimensional.
- Content: Bike rack designs cannot directly advertise or advocate for any particular entity, organization, or cause.
- Materials and Line Widths: Bike racks will be fabricated using steel tubing and solid steel bar. The metal blacksmith artist will determine how best to translate winning artists' design concept into a functional rack.
- Mounting: To ensure that the racks can be securely mounted to the hardscape, designs must intersect with the ground plane in at least two (2) points.
- Safety: There should be no sharp or dangerously protruding portions on the bike racks. Racks should not pose a hazard to blind or inattentive pedestrians.
- Functionality: It is important that the bike racks be functional as well as sculptural/aesthetic in nature. They should:
 - accommodate a minimum of 2 bicycles upright by their frames
 - enable the frame and one of the two wheels to be secured using a standard u-lock
 - provide locking points that are between one foot and 3 feet above the ground
 - Provide a gap near the bottom for pedal clearance

Timeline

April 22nd (Earth Day): Contest opens
September 1st: Application/design submission deadline
Fall 2024: Design review and selection
Winners Announced before December 31st!

Designs will be reviewed by a panel of judges (participants to be announced). The number of designs selected for fabrication will be dependent on funding and availability of space. Downtown Morris Plains hopes to fabricate and install a minimum of 2 bike racks.

DISCLAIMER: Selected rack designs will be fabricated with the intention of replicating the design as closely as possible, but Downtown Morris Plains reserves the right to modify the design when it is necessary for fabrication. These art pieces will be functional equipment that may need to be repaired or replaced over time. For this reason, the Borough and Downtown Morris Plains cannot guarantee how long each bike rack will last. Finished pieces will be the property of the Borough of Morris Plains. Downtown Morris Plains reserves the right to reproduce finished work for promotion and archival purposes in both printed and electronic form. This project is made possible through a grant from Morris Arts, philanthropic support, Morris Plains Borough Council, and the Department of Public Works.



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Submission Sheet

(an online version of this form can be found [here](#))

Name of Individual(s), Group, Team or Business Submitting Design:

Email:

Phone:

Mailing Address:

Please indicate if artist qualifies as any of the following. Submissions are welcome from anyone.

_____ undergraduate college student

_____ high school student

_____ age 13 or younger

Please circle the number of entries you are submitting (up to three): 1 2 3

Name(s) of your design(s):

Colors:

Other details relevant to your design submission:

Artist Name(s):

