

2022 ARTIST IN RESIDENCY PROGRAM

SPRINGFIELD URBAN FIELD STATION



ReGreenSpringfield

2022 Springfield Urban Field Station Artist-in-Residence Program | OVERVIEW

APPLICATION DEADLINE | Midnight on December 31, 2021

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning on December 1, 2021

RESIDENCY DURATION & DATES

One artist will be selected for a year-long residency at the US Forest Service's Amherst-Springfield Urban Field Station. The residency is dedicated to a local artist currently living in the metro area of Springfield, MA. Duration is 12 months, beginning in January 2022. The selected artist will work with the Forest Service in arranging the specific start date of the residency based on their desired time and availability.

SUPPORT

\$3,000 stipend. Forest Service researchers as well as staff from ReGreen Springfield and the Springfield Parks Department, including ecologists, scientists, naturalists and forest managers are able to provide guidance and support of Artist in Residency projects. Staff are available to assist but not responsible for creating or installing the work. It is expected that high profile public and private events, exhibits, performances and classes will promote awareness of the urban landscape, while promoting the work of the artist and the Residency program.

EXPECTATIONS

The Artist-in-Residence is required to participate in at least six public programs, during their residency. Community engagement programs are a way to extend outreach in the community, thereby extending our mission and core values across all neighborhoods of the city. The type and scope of the programs will be mutually designed and agreed upon by the artist and Forest Service staff. Typical engagement consists of community projects, lectures, demonstrations, youth-learning experiences, workshops or other special programming. Creating new nature-based work will be the focus of the residency, and all related programming and community engagement. Please note that during this unique time of COVID, we are also looking for creative and safe ways to engage the public with your work, in outdoor settings and through virtual experiences.

ARTIST FEES

There are no residency or application fees, but the artist is responsible for all travel and other living expenses in Springfield. Also consider indirect costs: time away from your job and paying bills at home while in residence.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants may be emerging or established artists living in the Springfield metro area.

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older.
- Preference will be given to Springfield residents.
- Applicants must be practicing artists of any discipline. Students are eligible to apply
- The artist must be able to provide creative nature-based works and projects.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified of their application status in early January 2022, or as soon as possible, depending on the availability of the reviewing panelists

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Applications are distilled through a two-tiered, on-line review process into a shortlist which is brought to a panel of Forest Service staff, project partners, artists, and arts leaders where final selections are made. All reviewers are asked to consider the following criteria for each application:

- Artistic excellence, innovation and originality in work and project proposal;
- Relativity to the Forest Service's mission of connecting people to nature;
- Accessibility of the work to Springfield residents and public engagement offerings;
- Evidence of a current and ongoing professional artistic practice.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The U.S. Forest Service and its partners are committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all applicants without regard to race, sex, color, religion, creed, national origin, age, marital status, disability, veteran status, genetic information, or any other personal trait or characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws. The program organizers will not tolerate any behavior that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. Our aim is to create a vibrant and safe creative sanctuary, and strive to provide an environment that accommodates an artist from any background or circumstance.

APPLY ONLINE

Applications are only being accepted online. To apply, please visit the application webpage at www.regreenspringfield.org/art

QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFO?

Please email any questions or requests for additional information to the following: art@regreenspringfield.org