



## City of Hartford Earth Artist Application Guidelines

The Earth Artist for the City of Hartford acts as a representative for the City, its residents, and the value we place on environmentalism, regenerative culture and community access to nature, the arts and culture. The Earth Artist encourages contact with the natural world and awareness of the systems of life on our planet.

### *Eligibility and Criteria*

#### Eligibility

A nominee for Earth Artist must:

- Be a current resident of the City of Hartford
- Be at least 18 years old
- Have original works of art in at least one regionally-recognized, juried public exhibition or cultural event
- Be available to serve a 3-year term

#### Criteria to Select the Earth Artist

Certain criteria will be given consideration in the selection process, including:

- Excellence as evidenced by the submitted work sample
- Professionalism as evidenced by an established history of projects, honors, awards, fellowships, and/or other recognition such as contributions to community culture
- Demonstrated advancement of environmental art and culture in the community as well as other forms of commitment to community involvement

To maintain the position as Earth Artist for the City of Hartford, the nominee must reside in the City for the length of their term and must not misrepresent or abuse the position.

#### *Duties of the Commentator*

The responsibilities of the Commentator include, but are not limited to:

- Appearing at public events
- Providing increased opportunities for the community to experience the natural world through art and culture

- Amplifying the presence of the natural world in Hartford, giving voice to the planet and its non-human species
- Addressing, through art and culture, the need for environmental justice in communities that have historically been exposed to air, water, noise and ground pollution.
- Submission of a work of art or outcomes of a community-led project to the Commission on Cultural Affairs each year

The Earth Artist promotes awareness and appreciation of the planet Earth; works with the Connecticut Science Center, the Parks, and local schools to promote ecological learning through hands on art and cultural activities, and endeavors to instill pride in the beauty of Hartford's natural spaces.

#### *Selection Process*

A Selection Committee reviews all applicants and submits three finalists to the Commission on Cultural Affairs. The Commission then selects one finalist and recommends them to the Mayor for approval. The Mayor gives their recommendation to the Court of Common Council, who approves the selection through majority vote.

Applicants may be contacted by the Committee for further interview, references, or material.

Applications are not carried over for future years. Prior applicants must re-apply for consideration.

An applicant cannot be a member of the Commission on Cultural Affairs or the Committee to select the Earth Artist.

#### *To Apply, Please Submit the Following:*

- An application form
- A letter of interest
- A current resume or CV, including significant achievements and awards
- At least 4, and a maximum of 7, exemplary samples of the applicant's work with citation of the source of publication or location of venue artwork displayed when applicable
- Three recent references from professional, academic, and/or community settings



## City of Hartford Earth Artist Application Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Hartford must be your primary residence

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### Checklist for Attached Materials:

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Subject line: Earth Artist