



June 30, 2021

The city of Lake Stevens is seeking interested artists to design and construct a sculpture that interprets the Water Tower that was part of the Historic Rucker Mill

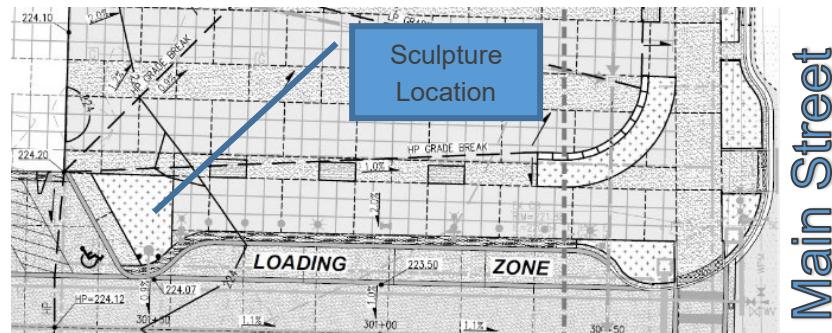
1. Project Background and Description

Overview

Lake Stevens is a rapidly growing community in Snohomish County situated west of the Cascade foothills. People live in Lake Stevens for the strong sense of community, excellent schools, proximity to regional employment and relative affordability. Residents and tourists enjoy easy access to recreational opportunities like Lake Stevens, the largest lake in the county with public beaches and boat launches, the Centennial Trail, and Cascade Mountains.



[The City adopted a plan to revitalize the downtown](#) that honors the past while looking to the future incorporating design cues from the city's historic mill and railroad industries. To date, the city has: reconstructed North Cove Park, built a new community building – the Mill, constructed road and trail improvements along Main Street, and is preparing to construct a festival street this summer. The city has set aside an area for a public sculpture as part of this project.



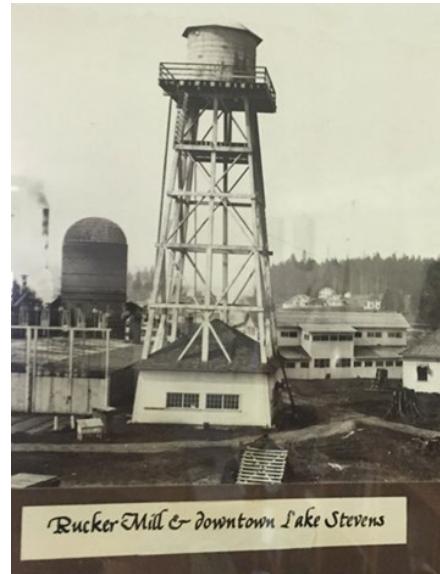
Mill Spur (18th Street NE)

2. Letter of Interest

The city desires a sculpture that honors the historic water tower as a central feature between the planned festival street and renovated park off Mill Spur. The sculpture does not need to replicate the water tower, but it should interpret the tower to create a new community landmark.

Scale and Media

The sculpture should include a hardy mix of materials that may include steel, glass and wood that are suitable for an outdoor environment that are low maintenance and vandal resistant. The sculpture should be between 15 and 20 feet tall and be viewable from all sides. It will be installed in an area of approximately 9-feet by 13-feet that will include low landscaping at the base.



Budget

The proposal should include a proposed budget for design, construction and installation not to exceed \$20,000. The contract amount will be inclusive of all costs associated with the artwork. Payment will be made on successful completion of the artwork.

3. Selection Process

Letters of Interest (LOI) will be accepted until **4:00 PM, July 30, 2021**. A committee comprised of city staff, Lake Stevens Arts and Parks Foundation representatives and Park Board members will review the proposals. The preferred concepts will be referred to the City Council for final selection. Responses to the request will be evaluated on following criteria:

- Responsiveness to the identified project scope and concept as it fits into the downtown plan;
- Artistic quality and strength of past work; and
- Qualifications of artist on past projects that indicate an ability to complete the final design and construction in budget and within the established timeframe.

Required Materials

- Current resume addressing the artist's qualifications for and interest in this project
- A written statement addressing the artist's preliminary concept for the project that includes a preliminary sketch, details on selected materials, size of project and other design details
- Digital examples of relevant past work (no more than 5)

Scheduled tours of the site are available upon request. The LOI and any questions should be submitted to Russ Wright, Community Development Director at rwright@lakestevenswa.gov.

4. Schedule

LOI Advertised	June 30, 2021
Deadline for Receipt of LOI	July 30, 2021
Council Review	August 17, 2021
Select Firm and Contract Negotiations	August 24, 2021