



Savannah- Chatham Historic Site and Monument Commission Request for Site Evaluation- Monuments and Public Art

For all monuments and works of art to be erected on public property, the site must be evaluated and determined as an “Available Site”. A list of sites predetermined as Available Sites may be found in Chapter 4 of the Master Plan. The inclusion of a site in Chapter 4 does not guarantee its availability or appropriateness for installation of a monument or public art. If a proposed site is not listed in Chapter 4, the applicant must submit a Request for Site Evaluation before submitting an application. Sites on private property are exempt from this requirement. The determination of a site as “available” subsequent to the Request for Site Evaluation does not guarantee its availability or appropriateness for installation of a monument or public art. Sites will be examined on an individual basis for the appropriateness of a particular monument or work of art.

Refer to the Markers, Monuments, and Public Art Master Plan and Guidelines for the City of Savannah available at www.thempc.org or the Metropolitan Planning Commission (110 East State Street) for more information.

Guidelines and Criteria for Site Evaluation

- The installation of an object should not cause overcrowding of the site.
- The installation of an object should not damage or disturb existing established vegetation on the site including low tree limbs or significant tree roots.
- The installation of an object should not require the removal or alteration of existing above or below ground utilities.
- The proposed site should be large enough to accommodate an object, and should not encroach on other existing object sites, building, or designated green space.
- The proposed site should not be utilized for special events (such as sports, festivals, ceremonies, etc.) on a regular basis which the object would disrupt.
- The proposed site should not be prone to frequent automobile accidents which could damage the object.
- The proposed site should be easily accessible to pedestrians and the physically challenged.
- The proposed site should be visible and accessible from a public right-of-way.
- The proposed site should have adequate parking nearby.
- The proposed site should not have a high probability of significant archaeology unless an archaeological study is part of the proposal.
- The proposed site should be easy to maintain.
- The installation of an object should not cause detriment to the character of the surrounding neighborhood.
- The installation of an object should not require the alteration or removal of existing signage (traffic, street, etc.)
- The installation of an object should not significantly affect automobile traffic sight lines.
- The installation of an object should not detract from the design of the overall site.
- The installation of an object should not require the removal or alteration of existing sidewalks, unless it is part of a comprehensive redesign for the entire site (which is generally discouraged).

- The proposed site should not disrupt an established theme pattern (see Chapter 3 of the Master Plan and Guidelines).

Submit completed form and all required supplementary materials to:

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1. LOCATION

Proposed location address: _____

Provide a map of the proposed site.

Provide a site plan indicating exact location, adjacent structures, significant vegetation, existing benches, sidewalks, utilities, other markers, monuments or public art.

Provide a photograph of proposed site.

Provide a statement addressing how the proposed site meets the guidelines and criteria for site evaluation.

2. FORM PREPARED BY

Organization _____

Contact Name and Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ e-mail _____



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- Completed request form
- Map of proposed location
- Site plan indicating exact location; adjacent structures; significant vegetation; existing benches; sidewalks; utilities; and other markers, monuments or public art
- Photograph of proposed site
- Statement addressing how the proposed site meets the guidelines and criteria