



What makes the places we love the places we love?

How can we develop more of them?

These are the questions we are posing to the people of Yellowstone County. Get your creative juices flowing and bring us some imaginative, innovative, and inspired projects that we can help fund.

Placemaking is the practice of creating or enhancing a community's assets to improve its overall attractiveness and livability. Placemaking can be large-scale like the development of a city park or streetscape, or it can be as small as a flower bed or a well-placed chair.

Space2Place is a creative placemaking grant competition open to residents of Yellowstone County. Big Sky Economic Development introduced it in 2018 to promote smaller, incremental improvements to make the public spaces of our communities more beautiful, more engaging, more interesting, and more enjoyable.

Last year's Space2Place winners were:

- Brooke Moore – “Fractionated Light” on the south wall of the Rockman Bldg at 2700 2nd Ave N
- Billings Depot – “Wild Women of the West” Pocket Park east of the Depot
- Downtown Billings/Artwalk – “Grassland” sculpture by Jennifer Tolton under Skypoint
- SCRaP – “Art Rail” at 7 N 18th St
- Yellowstone River Parks Assn. – Site cleanup at Blue Creek Road fishing access
- Montana Audubon Center – Improve picnic area



We have intentionally kept this application process simple and easy. There is no need to overcomplicate it. Simply think of a project that you or your group would like to create; provide renderings, images, diagrams, or photos of what it will look like; and explain what and where it will be, who will help you, what other resources you will use, and how it will benefit the community.

In short...

Noodle it,

Doodle it,

And tell us a convincing story.

Placemaking Resources:

If you have any questions about placemaking or need some ideas for a project, Google (or any other search engine) is an awesome tool. Here are some of the better websites:

<https://www.pps.org/category/placemaking> – Project for Public Spaces

<http://www.placemakingchicago.com/about/> - Placemaking Chicago

https://www.arts.gov/sites/default/files/How-to-do-Creative-Placemaking_Jan2017.pdf -
National Endowment for the Arts

YouTube is also a valuable resource. Here are several informative videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USmTQeKR4P4>
David Engwicht – TEDx Indianapolis “Add Some Magic to a Public Space Near You.” (17:07)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sfk1ZW9NRDY>
Cara Courage – TEDx Indianapolis “Placemaking and Community.” (9:29)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmoUgLK3JxE>
“State of Creativity: Creative Placemaking” (12:56)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yB7xkiR5ts>
Mara Holt Skov – TEDx Twin Falls “Activating Public Spaces” (20:09)

Questions?

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