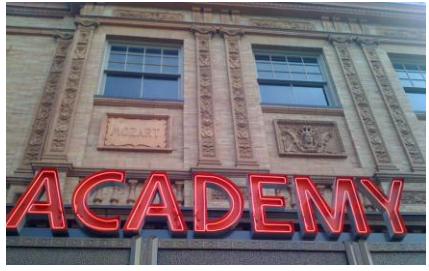


Sustainable Northampton:

Focus on...  Arts and Culture



Goals

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how our budgets are supporting this goal

FY 2011

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Lilly Library, the Friends of Lilly and Forbes Library offer a wide array of cultural programming for children, teens, and adults throughout the year. The Summer Reading Programs offer performances by local storytellers and other artists in support of early literacy development in young patrons.

In 2011, Planning contracted with a sculptor for highly visible kiosk frames along rail trails and identified two sites for arts on the rail trails (Manhan Rail Trail bridges at Route 10 and at Main Street).

Forbes Library is home to a permanent collection of locally themed or produced art from the 18th century to the present.

The Mayor has proposed and the City Council has approved an annual appropriation to support First Night Northampton, a cultural draw for thousands throughout the region.

Public Safety Dispatchers keep a book of events that happen in the City, gathered from the Police Department's approved permits, Look Park's website, Iheg.com, the 3 County Fairgrounds schedule, the Daily Hampshire Gazette and any other information source we can access. We try to keep schedules available for all day or multiple day events. We aim to help the public, whether residents or out of town visitors, business owners, and city employees. We provide information on events, directions to venues, and monitor potential traffic concerns.

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Fire Services supports arts and culture by providing enhanced level of dedicated fire / EMS during significant events such as First Night, Paradise City Arts Festival, The Mayors Hot Chocolate Run, and the Pride Parade.

Arts Council is an active member of Northampton Arts Trust, a collaboration between A.P.E., the Northampton Center for the Arts, Young@Heart Chorus and New Century Theatre, working to acquire property to provide performance, exhibition, and work space for artists and arts-related organizations.

Arts Council produced events like Transperformance and the Really Big Show that highlight local musicians, artists and performers.

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	CEDO is assisting with the development of a community arts center and with the redevelopment of the Three County Fairgrounds into a year round exhibition facility.
Treasurer's Office coordinated payments and borrowings for the Academy of Music Theatre.	
Parking Garage displays local artists' work in permanent and temporary displays.	
Parking Division worked with Tuesday Farmers market to bring live local performance to parking garage plaza weekly, April – Nov.	
Planning arranged for musicians to kick off the Easthampton / Northampton Manhan Rail Trail ribbon cutting.	
Forbes Library is home to Hosmer Gallery, which showcases local artists. It also supports a writer-in-residence who coordinates with other local authors to offer working groups and readings for local writers.	
Mayor Higgins approved about 30 banners to hang from the balcony of city hall to promote local arts and cultural events.	
Veterans Services referred local vets to local writing project, "Stories of War and Homecoming"	

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Arts and culture were integrated into the curriculum throughout Northampton's public schools, including events featuring local artists like Circus Smirkus, Enchanted Circle Theater, Cambodian New Year multicultural dinner/dance, Pride Week, and Week of the Young Child.	
Arts Council made grants to 45 local artists through spring and fall disbursements.	Arts Council hopes to increase grant funding to local artist this year through increased receipts with new collaborations with Pleasant Street and Amherst Cinemas.

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