

DOWNTOWN WAUKESHA MURAL PROPOSAL

Mural Area Three - Friedman Alley

Our childhood home sits across the street from Carroll University, where a wide grassy area used to stretch in front of the science building and ancient trees towered over the roofs. During the summer, we would sit in our front yard and see the sunset between the trees lining College Avenue. Seeing some of Waukesha's most historic homes and buildings seamlessly blend with the surrounding nature had a grounding effect on us. These sunsets, the trees, and our home are the inspirations behind this mural. Our aim is to blend the beauty of the historic buildings, as well as Waukesha as a whole, with the natural beauty that has always been so integrated throughout the city.

As the oldest and youngest sisters of a family with over half a century and four generations of history in Waukesha, we were inspired to design a mural that was representative of the city and our family. The fox, of course is a timeless symbol of Waukesha, mingled tree branches and vines to show the interconnectedness of nature with the city. Finally, the number of panels represents the number of children in our immediate family, and leaves are associated with each member of our household.

The proposed mural will be composed of seven plywood panels to allow the natural brick of the building to show through the mural. Each panel will be painted with acrylic paint and sealed to protect it against the elements. It will be mounted with cement bolts. As such, if the preference is to put as few holes as possible into the building, the panels can be mounted on a solid piece of plexiglass inside of a wooden frame which will house the mounting points.

Materials:

- Half inch to one inch thick plywood panels
- Acrylic paint & exterior finish sealant

Optional Materials:

- Plexiglass sheet
- 2x4 wooden frame

Expenses:

- Materials - \$1,700
- Artist fee - \$4,000
- **Total - \$5,700**

Timeline:

The proposed mural will be completed and installed by **July 1, 2026**.

MURAL CONCEPT



BECKY WELCH - BIOGRAPHY & PORTFOLIO

Becky Welch is a contemporary artist from Waukesha who primarily works in acrylic and oil paints, as well as digital paint and graphic design. She recently graduated from Full Sail University with her Masters in Media Design. Her work in graphic design and digital mediums earned her Valedictorian of her graduating class.



AMY WELCH - BIOGRAPHY & PORTFOLIO

Amy Welch, also from Waukesha, is a contemporary artist who works in a variety of mediums including oil, acrylic, watercolor, graphite, charcoal and mixed media. She is a Carroll University Alum, and is currently the Makerspace Coordinator at Waukesha Public Library.



