

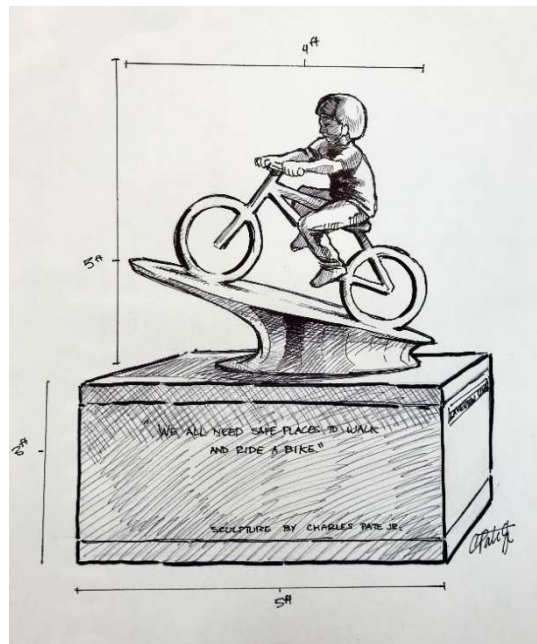
Lakeview Link Public Art – Bronze Sculpture by Charles Pate Jr.

Bike Walk Greenville (BWG) partnered with Greenville County in 2018 to raise \$100,000 to help the County construct the Lakeview Link, a 4/10 mile spur trail to that connects Lakeview Middle School and the Berea and San Souci communities to the Green Line of the Prisma Swamp Rabbit Trail (SRT) System. <https://bikewalkgreenville.org/funding-assured-for-lakeview-link/>

At the trailhead of the Lakeview Link at Mile Marker 29.7 of the SRT, approximately 6/10 mile south of Sulphur Springs Road there is a unique opportunity to place public art.

Artist Charles Pate Jr. who was the sculptor of the Lion in Cancer Survivors Park, collaborated with Zan Wells on the Dick Riley sculpture at the Peace Center, and is currently working on the Lia Mae Brock sculpture for the City of Greenville for the new Unity Park will be the artist. Charles will create a relatively small bronze sculpture of a life size 3 ½ to 4-year-old child joyfully riding a “strider” bike. The theme of the sculpture is, “We all need safe places to ride and walk.” The smaller size of this piece made the fundraising feasible.

The concept is shown below: a bronze sculpture on stainless steel base with a granite block foundation.



PUBLIC IMPACT

This project is being developed under the umbrella of 501c3 Bike Walk Greenville, whose mission is “To promote the health, safety and economic vitality of Greenville County by advocating for bicycling and walking connectivity.” And whose vision is “People in Greenville County can easily and safely walk and bike to places they want to go.”

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Public art is NOT part of BWG's mission and vision, however the opportunity to have a sculpture that represents our advocacy in a location that has 501,000 trail users a year is compelling.

Public art is not as prevalent in the Berea and San Souci community as compared to the City of Greenville. In fact this initiative had lead Greenville County to establish it's first formal process for public art donations.

Community engagement of this project will be done through Lakeview Middle School, where 100% of the students qualify for free lunch. We have agreement from Principal Latonia Copeland for two engagement ideas:

1. A field trip to Charles Pates Jr's studio on Cedar Lane Road can be scheduled for students to watch the artist at work and learn the process to create a finished sculpture.
2. We will work through the school to identify a 3 ½ to 4 year child to model for the boy/girl on the bike sculpture. Under the supervision of the parents, the child will be photographed by Charles Pate Jr. As the model they will reflect the socio-economic background of the school population.

BWG has an agreement with Greenville County through Ty Houck, Director of Greenways to locate this public art at the intersection of the Lakeview Link and the Green Line of the Prisma Health Swamp Rabbit Trail System.

The project commenced on March 15, 2019 with the first of four payments to the artist. The granite foundation will be placed at the trailhead prior to trail paving in May. The bronze sculpture is scheduled to be installed in mid-September 2019.

The fixed cost payable to Charles Pate Jr. for the sculpture is \$28,500, and \$6,730 is required for the granite statue base by Gillespie Marble & Granite Works for a total cost of \$35,230.

Frank and Sara Mansbach have pledged \$20,000 to allow the project to commence.

Major donors will be recognized on an adjacent kiosk panel.

Donations can be made to:

Bike Walk Greenville

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