

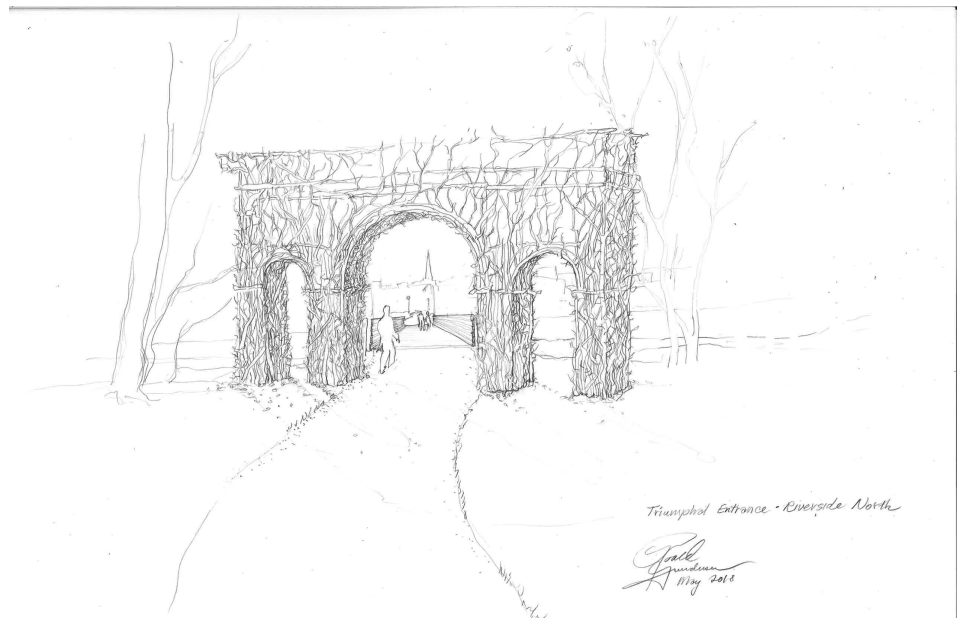
Gundersen Stick Sculpture

Contemporary art...has sought a different concept of sculpture in public places, embracing a temporal, ephemeral nature in the form of earthworks and site-specific sculpture. The newly restored yet still “wild” space of Riverside North—the former Mobil Oil site—presents a unique location and opportunity to realize this vision.

The City Arts Board is asking for funding to support the construction of an “eco-temporary” sculpture, designed by architect and WholeTrees founder Roald Gundersen, as an environmental arts attraction in Riverside North.

Creating the sculpture

The stick sculpture is designed to be both place and community-making, inspired by artist Patrick Dougherty, and will also use invasive buckthorn bushes and Black Locust trees, harvested from the new Riverside North Park. Mirroring the Losey Memorial triumphal arch, a locally and universally familiar icon, this sculpture will be built as a gateway to celebrate the new park, currently being re-envisioned as a space that will accommodate innovative, contemporary sculpture/installation by regional and national artists.



Schedule and scope of work: 2-3 months to seek approval from City Parks, Planning, other departments & city council; an additional 1-2 months to plan and execute buckthorn and black locust harvest, to create & install timber frame. **Total timeframe: 4-5 months after funding is secured (seasonally dependent).** Finished sculpture will be 4' thick, by 26' wide, by 16' tall.

Budget: \$9750 (includes 120 hours of architect's time and 80 hours of professional assistance; assumes 120 hours of volunteer efforts to harvest buckthorn from the park, sort and stockpile it at the site).