

Remembering Revolution

*Lex250 Call for Artists for Monument in honor of the
250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington*

Artist Information Session + Q&A

January 3, 2024 | 5:30PM-6:30PM



LEXINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS





AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

- Lex250
- MAPC background and role

Lex250 Monument Proposal

Call for Artists Process

- Phase I: Call for Artists Submissions
- Phase II: Concept Development

Artist Q&A Session

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Introductions

Introductions: *Lex250 Commission*



- Lexington Semiquincentennial Commission
- Coordinating Town-wide activities to commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Battle of Lexington
- Charged from the Select Board included a permanent monument
- More information on Town website

Town of Lexington Project Team:

- Suzie Barry, Select Board Member & Lex250 Chair
- Bebe Fallick, Monument & Memorials & Lex250
- James Malloy, Town Manager
- Doug Lucente, Select Board Member
- Barry Cunha, Lex250

Introductions: *Metropolitan Area Planning Council*



Abbey Judd
Regional Arts and
Culture Planner II

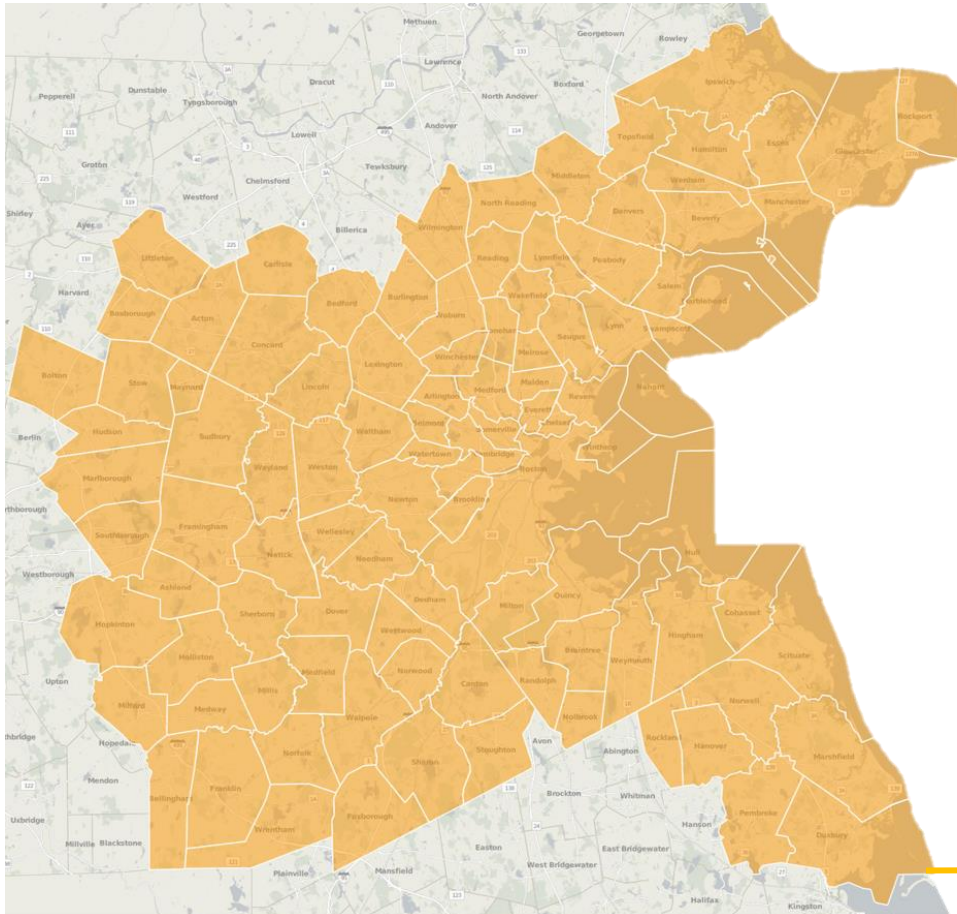


Ananth Udupa
Associate Arts and
Culture Planner



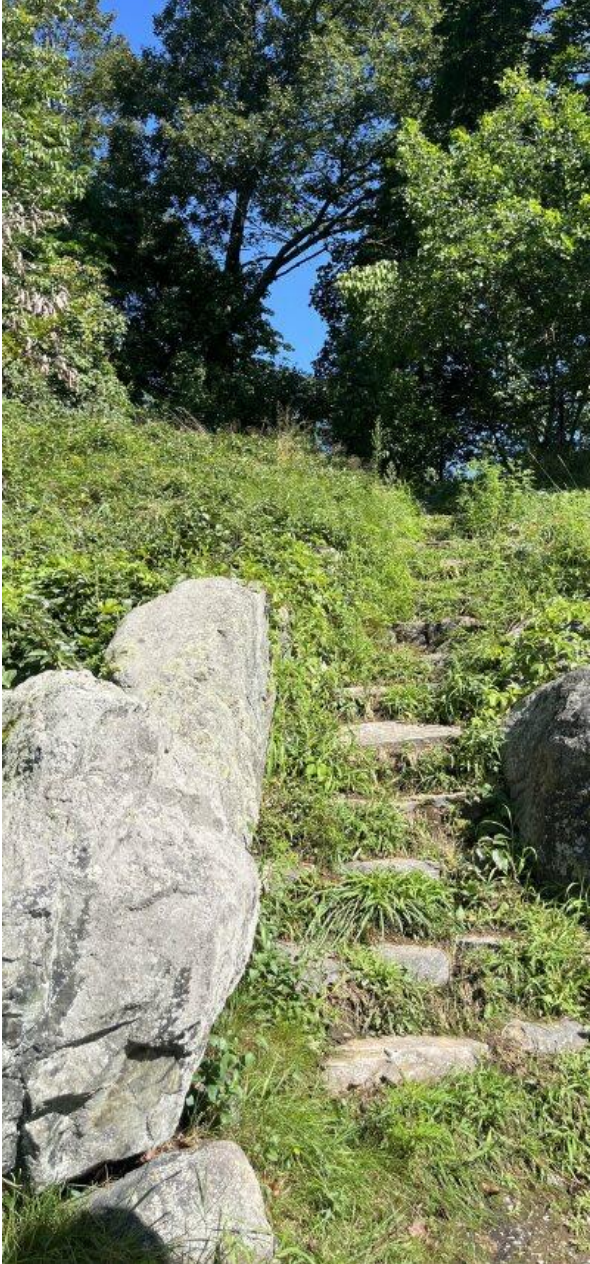
Additional Support from:
Lindsay Randall | Regional Humanities Specialist
Annis Sengupta, PhD | Director of Arts and Culture Dept.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)



- Regional Planning Agency for the greater Boston Metro Area
- Provide Technical Assistance in a variety of planning disciplines throughout the region

MAPC serves 101 cities and towns,
8 subregions, & 3.3 million residents



MAPC's Role in the Project

- Site Research
- Stakeholder Development
- Draft Call for Artists
- Support Phase 2 Call for Artists Process
- Facilitate Project Advisors, Selection Panel, & Technical Advisors





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Lex250 Monument Proposal

Lex250 Monument Proposal Development

6 Informational Interviews
with local historians and
community leaders

Formation of Project &
Technical Advisory Groups

Project Advisor Meetings to
Draft Call for Artists



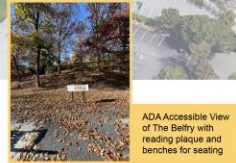
Virtual Community Meeting
with over 40 attendees

Initial Meetings for Project &
Technical Advisors

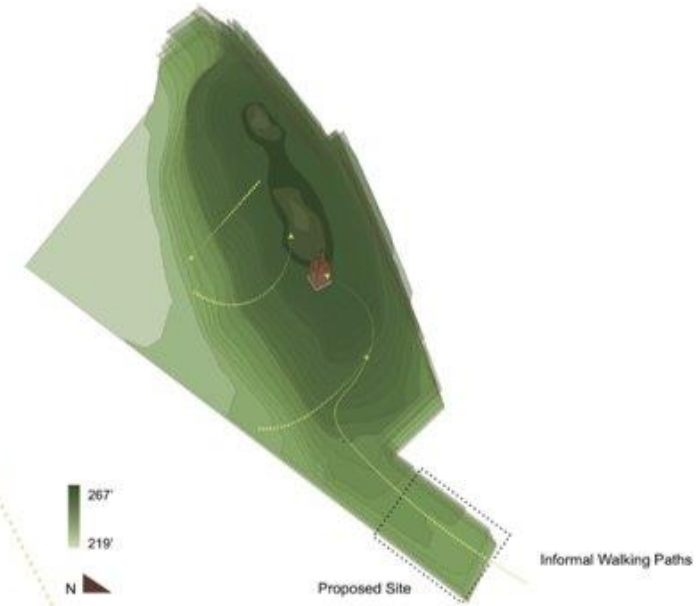
Release Call for Artists



Proposed Site for the Monument



Two Proposed Areas for Monument Placement



Belfry Hill

Lexington, MA 02421

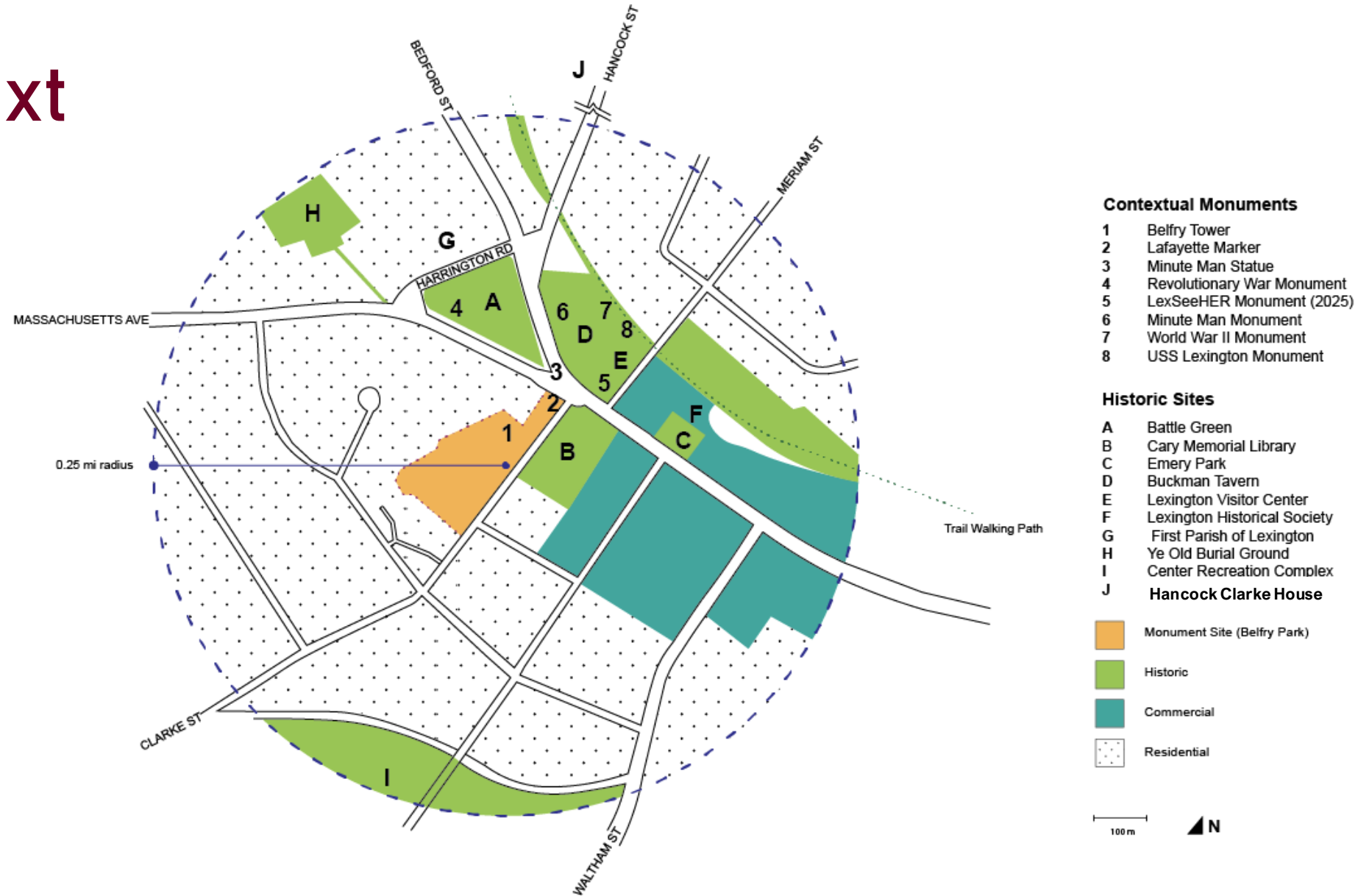




Belfry Hill Lexington, MA

Site Context

Belfry Hill
Lexington, MA 02421



Project Advisors

Dawn E McKenna

Deepika Sawhney

Denise Moehring

Glenn Parker

Heather Hartshorn

Howard Wolk

Jessie Steigerwald

Jianing (Jolene) Cai

Kamala Raj

Kathryn Allamong Jacob

Matthew Siegal

Patricia Elen Costello

Richard Canale

Robert Bellinger

Rosemary Trowbridge



Central Thematic Prompts

What is Lexington?

What does Lexington represent across time, from 1775 to today?

Who are we now? Who do we say we are?

Reflecting the Events of 1775

Lexington is known as the “Birthplace of American Liberty” because of the battle that took place on April 19, 1775. What forces, factors, and sparks brought about this event?

What is the role of revolution in promoting peace and changemaking?

What are the ways Lexington has responded to the ideals of liberty in the last 250 years?

Evolution of American Democracy

How have the founding principles of our democracy and union evolved into our reality of the United States today? Where do those principles stand? What are the promises and perils of liberty and democracy, as it has changed over time?



Guiding Values

ENGAGING	The monument will engage visitors and residents with the history of Lexington, and their relationship to it. In its design, the monument will be thought provoking, educational, and elicit an emotional response from visitors of all ages.
INTERACTIVE	The monument will encourage interaction and allow visitors to experience the work in more ways than just viewing. The monument design should also be accessible for viewers of all abilities.
INSPIRATIONAL	The monument will honor and capture the fight for democracy, the exchange of ideas and a lifelong dedication to liberty. Residents and visitors should be inspired to engage in dialogue on central topics of liberty and democracy in action and ponder their own role in it.
INCLUSIVE	The monument will be reflective of the many experiences, stories and identities that compose Lexington, inclusive of race, ethnicity, and gender. The monument will symbolize and commemorate the journey, changes, and evolutions of the town of Lexington and the communities that came before.
TIMELESS	The monument will provide enduring relevance to visitors and residents beyond the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington. While the monument will honor the events that took place on April 19, 1775, it will be a feature within Lexington's commemorative landscape.
SITE-SPECIFIC	The monument's proposed location is Belfry Hill, adjacent to Lexington's Historic Battle Green and The Belfry. The monument's scale and design should be proportional to Lexington's other surrounding monuments and historical landmarks including the Lexington Historic Battle Green, The Belfry, and Visitors Center.

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Call for Artists Timeline & Process

**Phase 1:
Qualifications Submissions due
Thursday, January 25 at 11:59PM ET**

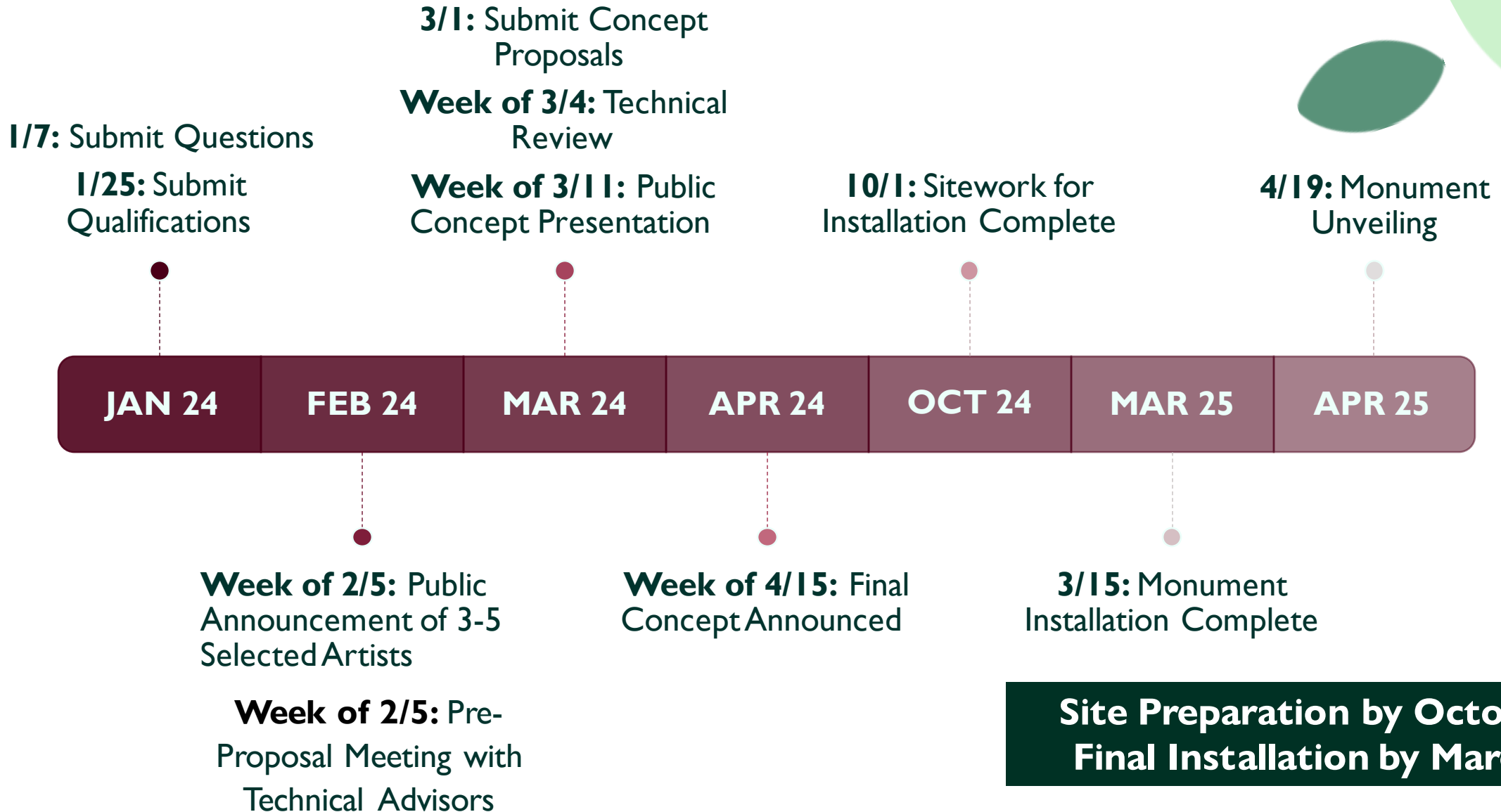
Concept Development Budget: \$1,000 per artist/artist team

**Phase 2:
Concept Proposal due
Friday, March 1 at 11:59PM ET**

Project Budget: \$250,000



Call for Artists Timeline





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Artist Q&A



Thank you!

Email us at: Lex250Memorial@mapc.org

Follow project updates at <https://www.mapc.org/resource-library/lexington-lex250-monument>