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## Cincinnati Art Museum's grounds to evolve with new front parking lot, arrival court and accessible path integrated with the Art Climb



**CINCINNATI**— Construction has begun for the next phase in the enhancement and activation of the Cincinnati Art Museum's grounds.

This phase will completely rebuild the front parking lot and arrival court in front of the museum plaza, and add a new accessible path from the parking lot to the first large landing on the <u>Art Climb</u>. In addition, a new basin will be added underneath the parking lot to support water runoff. The project should be completed in mid-November.

The museum will remain open during construction, but the entire front parking lot will be closed. A

lane for driving around the building will be open during most of the construction.

Visitors are encouraged to use the front entrance during construction. Parking will be available in the rear lot and at the bottom of the Art Climb. The walking path from Art Climb to the front door of the museum will remain open. Over the next few months, several artworks, including some from Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, will be added to Art Climb.

The new parking lot will provide a safer and easier visiting experience. The arrival court enhances the façade of the museum to be more friendly and welcoming and creates a better route to the new accessible front entrance ramp. The new ADA-accessible path that connects the parking lot to the top Art Climb landing is the first of many paths that will continue to open and activate the museum grounds.

"This is an exciting project that will completely change the front of the museum. While the next three months will consist of some logistical hurdles, the Board agreed with us that there will never be a better time to complete this project," said Dave Linnenberg, Cincinnati Art Museum's Chief Administrative Officer.

Cincinnati Art Museum's Ad Hoc committee of the Board unanimously approved this project on July 13. The museum is working with Strand Associates, Inc. for engineering, Emersion Design and Human Nature for architecture and landscape design, and Turner Construction for construction of this project.

## About the Cincinnati Art Museum

The Cincinnati Art Museum is supported by the generosity of individuals and businesses that give annually to ArtsWave. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund the Cincinnati Art Museum with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The Cincinnati Art Museum gratefully acknowledges operating support from the City of Cincinnati, as well as our members. Free general admission to the Cincinnati Art Museum is made possible by a gift from The Rosenthal Family Foundation. Special exhibition pricing may vary. Parking at the Cincinnati Art Museum is free. Visit <u>cincinnatiartmuseum.org</u> for more information.

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