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## **INTERACTIVE FLOOD SCULPTURE COMPETITION ANNOUNCED**

Many river towns have poles or walls with high water marks to remind folks of historic floods. The City of Madison and the Riverfront Development Corporation hope to present the history of the Ohio River flooding at Madison in a different manner. They are launching a competition for artists and engineers to design a piece of interactive sculpture that will allow young and old alike to experience the height of the flood waters. The highest recorded flood is the 72.7 ft. in 1937. The most recent April, 2011 flood was 49.3 ft. “We don’t know how artists will depict the flooding but we are open to fresh ideas,” said Louann Waller of the Riverfront Development Corporation. “The final design chosen will be something that people can ride or touch or climb. It will be fun and unique, something people will enjoy for generations.” Collaboration between artists and engineers is encouraged. Public safety, durability and low maintenance are all important. Materials must be able to withstand heat, cold, rain, snow, occasional flooding and be resistant to vandalism.

The City's Bicentennial Fund and a recent grant from the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County are providing \$1000 to each of three finalists to build working models of their designs. The models will be on display throughout Madison's 2012 festival season for input from the public. The selected design's permanent installation is planned for the corner of West Street and Vaughn Drive. This is the first piece of public art to come from suggestions for the Bicentennial Legacy gift.

Entry forms and guidelines are available at city hall, or on line at [www.madison-in.gov](http://www.madison-in.gov) Designs are due February 1, 2012.

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