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Trout Museum of Art Exploring Other Locations for New Facility

The Trout Museum of Art and its board of directors announce that they are exploring other locations for a new facility and are no longer considering the Ellen Kort Peace Park as a potential location. The Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment performed by Westwood Professional Services on the park site, which was shared with Mayor Woodford, indicates there may be a greater than expected financial and regulatory burden related to the site's clean up, beyond the known history of the site. Christina Turner, Executive Director of the Trout Museum of Art, discussed the decision, pending TMA Board approval, with Mayor Woodford this week.

"We are grateful to City of Appleton and the Common Council for their consideration of the Ellen Kort Peace Park as a potential location for our facility," said Christina Turner. "Although not everyone agreed on the Ellen Kort Peace Park location, throughout this process, the community has shown support for a 21st century facility that expands visual art programming in the Fox Cities. We remain steadfast in our commitment to our mission of inspiring and connecting all people through creative experiences and the visual arts and look forward to finding a more feasible location that will excite our community."

The TMA board and staff are reviewing other potential locations and anticipate announcing a new site location at a future date.

TMA shared in 2022 it was exploring the idea of a new museum in the Fox Cities. Learn more: New Building Project | Trout Museum of Art

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About Trout Museum of Art

A primary location for the visual arts in central Wisconsin, the Trout Museum of Art (TMA) is set in the thriving Fox Cities community. Our three floors of galleries host 12-18 exhibitions a year, sharing work from local, national, and international artists.

TMA offers hundreds of classes and camps throughout the year and free educational programming to those who need art to heal and feel inspired. Community events like TMA's 63-year Art at the Park festival, free monthly first Thursdays, and community art projects make art accessible to all. Everything TMA does and the choices we make are guided by a mission to inspire and connect all people through creative experiences and the visual arts.

Open 6 days a week, Tues - Sun. Members visit free with an annual membership, which start at \$15 for the entire year. Follow TMA on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Tik Tok</u> or visit <u>TroutMuseum.org</u> for more information.