

Through the creation of neighborhood Transit Waiting Environments (TWEs), ParkWorks hopes to establish welcoming and aesthetic entrances to the neighborhoods we serve. The program, developed by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), focuses on creating a comfortable experience for the transit rider while also developing mini gateways into the community for visitors to the area. This is a significant project for GCRTA as they endeavor to take an imaginative look at some of the existing transportation stations throughout Northeast Ohio and better connect its riders to the local neighborhoods. This initiative focuses on augmenting the current waiting experience with a layer of customer experience that could include improved facilities and amenities, landscaping and the inclusion of public art.

Buckeye

Collaborating with Buckeye Area Development Corporation, Cleveland Public Art, Neighborhood Progress Inc. and the City of Cleveland, ParkWorks is building an E.118th Transit Waiting Environment (TWE) that will transform a sparse corner and surface parking lot in the heart of the Buckeye neighborhood's main street into a vibrant public space. When completed, the new \$200,000 park will include a prominent sculpture, improved seating walls, extensive mosaics, murals, new landscaping and a community stage. While not only beautifying this space, the new park will become a signature space by helping to define and celebrate a neighborhood's identity, providing a place for summertime festivals and improving public transit for residents.

Through funds supplied by Neighborhood Progress Inc., ParkWorks worked with the landscape architecture firm McKnight & Associates to design the park, while Cleveland Public Art searched for national and local artists to design sculptures, mosaics and murals. The selection process, led by Cleveland Public Art, ParkWorks, Buckeye Area Development Corporation and neighborhood arts group Arterial, has yielded impressive results. The end product will feature the artistic works of sculptor James Simon of Pittsburgh, tile and mosaic artist Angelica Poro of Cleveland and muralists Chip Carter and Francisca Ugalde of Cleveland and serve as a space unlike any other in Cleveland, inspiring neighboring communities to increase the quality and design of their open spaces. The park will see this renewal in 2008.