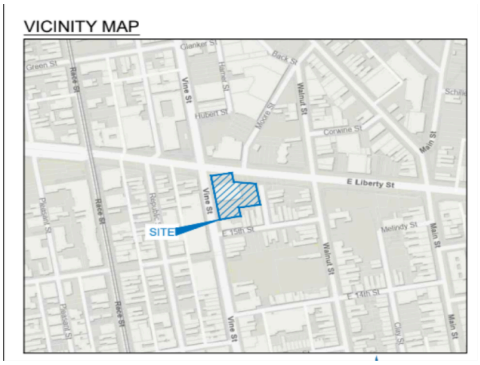
BLACK ART SPEAKS | COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

Vine + Liberty Sculpture Project

A new public art landmark at 1518 Vine Street, Over-the-Rhine



Project vicinity and sculpture site.

About the project

Black Art Speaks (BAS) has been engaged to lead artist selection, community engagement, and coordination of design and installation for a permanent public sculpture at the corner of Vine and East Liberty Street. The sculpture will establish a distinctive civic landmark that celebrates the neighborhood beyond the parking use.

Community voices will shape the art

BAS is gathering input from OTR residents, businesses, and community stakeholders through surveys, conversations, and historical research. Artists may pursue one of three equally valued creative directions:

1. The Flying Pig — a fresh interpretation of a Cincinnati icon. 2. The Immigrant Spirit of Cincinnati — stories of arrival, displacement, work, and belonging. 3. Open — an original concept rooted in the site and community.

Project milestones

Nov. 3, 2026: National artist call opened | Through Nov. 30: Community engagement
Dec. 10: Artist applications due | Jan. 5, 2027: Target concept selection
May 2027: Target installation completion

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Complete the community engagement survey and share it with neighbors, local businesses, community groups, and other OTR stakeholders. Your feedback will help inform the artists and the selection process.

Survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qv35V4G92MfSsBfJds7ABSku4btvkEitz8pfaDylRN8/viewform

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