

PUBLIC ART

Southfield’s public art collection is a triumph of community spirit and judicious use of non-public funds – donations and grants – shepherded by the City, its City Centre and Public Arts Commission. There are 24 works of art, many by noted mid-century American artists along with new works by internationally renowned and up-and-coming local artists. Several are highlighted below.

For a complete guide to the public art collection, download the PocketSights app to your mobile device and search “Southfield, Michigan” for guided tours.



PA-1: SFLD by T.E.C., Jr. and Signs by Crannie has become the iconic placemaking feature on the front lawn of the Donald F. Fracassi Municipal Campus. Four orange letters abbreviate the city’s name and serve as a favorite “selfie” destination.



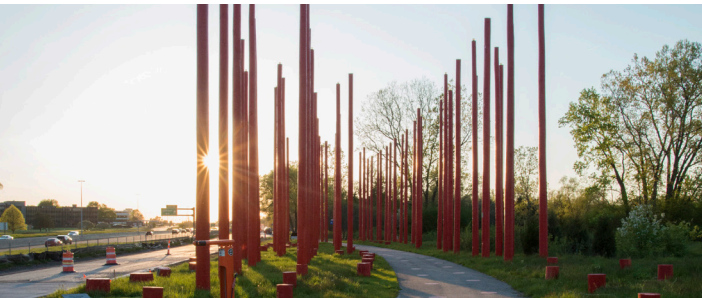
PA-2: Moby Dick by artist Joseph Anthony McDonnell is a 1,100-pound bronze sculpture of a playful turquoise whale swimming in the fountain on the lawn of Southfield Public Library.



PA-3: Tapestry of a Community by Dr. Hubert Massey, Michigan native and renowned artist of many mediums, was commissioned by the City of Southfield to tell the story of the community, past, present and future. The large six-panel mosaic, located on the campus of Lawrence Technological University, begins with the area’s earliest residents and continues to present day.



PA-4: Boy and Bear by Marshall Fredericks captures the endearing relationship between an enormous animal and a small child. The sculpture resides in Southfield Public Library Atrium and is visible at all times from outside the building.



PA-5: Red Pole Park by landscape architecture firm HED is a regional landmark and gateway entrance to Southfield City Centre Trail. The award-winning installation represents a grove of trees. It was made possible by the City of Southfield, Southfield City Centre, donations and grants, including a matching grant from Michigan Economic Development Corporation’s Public Spaces, Community Places Initiative, and telephone poles from DTE. At night, the grove becomes a forest of twinkling blue lights and serves as a beacon for those traveling along John C. Lodge Freeway (M-10).



PA-6: Pioneer Family II by Dutch-Canadian artist Andreas Drenters uses discarded pieces of farm machinery and scrap metal to create this family, residing at Mary Thompson Farm.

CULTURAL SITES

Southfield is situated on ancestral lands of the Potawatomi (Bodéwadmik), an indigenous tribe of Native Americans. The trail celebrates the City’s art and culture and unites residents and businesses, including more than 100 Fortune 500 companies.

CS-1: Trusted Stop on Underground Railroad Southfield Reformed Presbyterian Church took an early stand against slavery. Founded in 1834, it was a trusted stop on the Underground Railroad. Church members sheltered and escorted enslaved people to freedom in Canada.

CS-2: Southfield City Hall City Hall is one of Southfield’s many examples of Mid-Century Modern architecture. Crain & Gorwic of Detroit designed the Civic Center campus and architectural firm Pirscher & Jarrett of Ferndale designed City Hall, the Parks & Recreation Building and original Southfield Public Library – all inspired by the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright.



CS-3: Mary Thompson Farm The Thompson family was among the area’s first European settlers and their 1840 farmhouse is an example of pioneer life. Mary, a remarkable woman who devoted her life to teaching, lived in the home until her death in 1967, when it was donated to the City.



CS-4: Lawrence Technological University Founded on the principle that every person should have the opportunity for a college education, this mid-sized private university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in architecture and design, the arts and sciences, business and information technology, and engineering, as well as an undergraduate nursing program in partnership with Ascension Michigan. The university also offers robust, extracurricular athletics.

EASY ACCESSIBILITY

Accessible and Heart Healthy The trail is accessible to pedestrians and those traveling by bicycle, wheelchair and stroller. Dogs are welcome, too. Our shared-use pathway is extra-wide to allow for friendly encounters.

Mobile App for Self-Guided Tours Download the PocketSights app to your mobile device and search “Southfield, Michigan.” Two self-guided tours, each approximately three miles, are available: Walking Tour and Art Tour.

Bikeshare (seasonal offering) Ready to roll the trail? Download the Movatic app to your mobile device to register, then grab a bike at one of several bikeshare stations. Meet friends and gather for a sandwich or smoothie at nearby shopping districts. For more information, visit SouthfieldCityCentre.com

EVENTS



Eat to the Beat At lunchtime on the second Thursday of the month from June to September, Southfield City Centre comes alive with music, people, and an array of food trucks. Come, have lunch and enjoy.

Jazz Festival On select weekends throughout the summer, Southfield City Centre transforms itself into a soundstage and outdoor venue in celebration of the best of live jazz, including the annual Kimmie Horne Jazz Festival in August. Watch SouthfieldCityCentre.com for dates.



SOUTHFIELD CITY CENTRE
TRAIL MAP
SURPRISE
YOURSELF

Bike. Walk. Run. Smile.

Welcome to Southfield City Centre Trail, an 8.75-mile shared-use pathway, nature trail and public art collection nestled within our central business district.

Born of a desire to roam yet feel close to home, the trail represents local efforts to create a shared, heart-healthy amenity that’s free, accessible and open to the public year-round. Along the trail, you will encounter natural beauty, outdoor sculpture, cultural sites and other surprises, with nearby shops and eateries.

When designing the trail, a priority was protection of the Rouge River watershed. Hundreds of trees, together with native plants and rain gardens, line the trail, enhancing the landscape while cleaning and slowing the flow of rainwater into the 127-mile river. Educational panels describe these environmental protections.

Southfield City Centre hosts many privately sponsored events throughout the year. The trail’s wide and safe nonmotorized pathway and ample parking make the trail an ideal venue for 5K walks and runs, corporate challenges and other events.

It’s all here, waiting for you.

SouthfieldCityCentre.com



MAP LEGEND

The numerical keys for locations of highlighted works of Public Art (PA) and Cultural Sites (CS) are noted in the map legend and locations are marked on the map.

For a descriptive list of all works of Public Art and all Cultural Sites located along Southfield City Centre Trail, download the PocketSights app to your mobile device and search “Southfield, Michigan.” Two guided tours are available.

FREE-STANDING RESTAURANTS

S-1: TGI Fridays

26299 Evergreen Road

S-2: Kerby's Koney Island

25050 Northwestern Highway

S-3: Wendy's

24999 Northwestern Highway

SHOPPING DISTRICTS

S-4: Shoppes at Park Place

25203 to 25309 Evergreen Road; for complete listing, visit grandsakwa.com/property/shoppes-at-park-place

S-5: City Centre Plaza

25100 Evergreen Road

S-6: City Centre II

25200 Evergreen Road

S-7: Evergreen Atrium Marketplace

26221 Evergreen Road

S-8: Travelers Terrace Retail Center

26555 Evergreen Road

HOTELS

H-1: Detroit Marriott Southfield

27033 Northwestern Highway | 248.356.7400

H-2: Courtyard By Marriott Detroit Southfield

27027 Northwestern Highway | 248.358.1222

H-3: Comfort Suites Southfield

24977 Northwestern Highway | 248.357.9990

H-4: Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Southfield

25100 Northwestern Highway | 248.350.2400

H-5: Westin Southfield Detroit

1500 Town Center | 248.827.4000

H-6: Sonesta Simply Suites Detroit - Southfield

1 Corporate Drive | 248.945.0010

H-7: Staybridge Suites & Hampton Inn

26060 & 26080 Northwestern Highway

