



Art can transform a public space. Art can spark a young mind. And when joined together, Art can add an element of surprise to a simple rest stop, revealing unknown beauty of your journey. The PA Turnpike's Art Sparks program brings unexpected excitement to travels on the Turnpike, while putting young artists on the road to success.

Rest. Stop. Imagine all the places you could go!

ART SPARKS @ LAWN SERVICE PLAZA

The pair of murals you see above you, titled "Vivid Rejuvenation," were conceived and painted by students at Lower Dauphin High School which is located approximately 10 minutes from where you are today. The mural depicts the students' view of the region they live in, spanning from urban vibrancy to rural fields, the piece captures the diversity, balance and eclectic inspiration this area offers. Each piece is acrylic on panel and measures 8'X4'.

THE ART SPARKS PROGRAM

The PA Turnpike has partnered with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) to bring local, student-created art to our service plazas. Through this program, a school residing in the municipality of a chosen service plaza is selected to host a 20-day teaching artist residency led by a local PCA teaching artist. The students work with the artist and community members to create a piece of art that reflects the region. The work is installed at the respective service plaza during a community opening event. This program began in January 2017 and it is expected that all 17 PA Turnpike service plazas will feature an Art Sparks piece by the end of 2022.

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