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## Mount Clemens seeks to welcome creative work/live development

Artspace today announced that it will conduct a major online survey of artists, arts organizations, and creative businesses in the City of Mount Clemens area and beyond to determine the size and nature of the market for an Artspace mixed-use project in that community. The eight-week survey will be launched with a free public event at 7 p.m. on February 4, 2020, at Anton Art Center, 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. The event is open to all; artists and directors of arts organizations and creative businesses are especially encouraged to attend. Registration is requested [here](#).

Artspace, the nation's leading developer for the arts, will use the survey to identify the types and number of spaces needed by the City of Mount Clemens's artists, the amenities and special features that are of interest to them. The results of the survey will help Artspace determine the size of the market in the City of Mount Clemens for affordable live/work housing, studio and work space of various kinds.

"This is an exciting opportunity with the potential to positively impact Mount Clemens, Macomb County and the region in general," said Phil Gilchrist, executive director for the Anton Art Center. "The completion of this project would help to attract artists of all mediums to our city as well as those who support the arts."

The survey is the second phase of a scope of work that began in February 2019 when an Artspace team conducted a Preliminary Feasibility Study in Mount Clemens. If the survey identifies a market for an Artspace project and the community decides to proceed, survey results will inform both the project concept and site selection. They will also impact specific design and programmatic decisions, such as square footage, parking spaces, types of shared creative spaces to include, rents, etc. Artists who take the survey will have the option of being among the first to be informed of project developments, including leasing opportunities. Project partners include the art center, city of Mount Clemens, Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, Mount Clemens Foundation and Macomb County Planning & Economic Development (MCPED).

"We know that the arts can have an incredible economic impact in our community," said Vicky Rad, director of MCPED. "Reports from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis state that this sector accounts for 2.8 percent of Michigan's economy – or more than \$13.9 billion. The Artspace project could help us add to that number, with real benefits for the City of Mount Clemens and Macomb County as a whole. So I am pleased to provide our support and I look forward to our next steps."

For those unable to attend, the survey will open on February 4: <http://artspacemountclemens.org/>



### **About Artspace**

Artspace has been hailed by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Ford Foundation and others as an inspiration for the emergent creative placemaking movement. For more than 40 years, Artspace has brought its hard-earned expertise to more than 200 cultural facility planning efforts from coast to coast. Of these projects, 49 have been developed and are owned and operated by Artspace itself, representing a unique, \$500 million investment in America's arts infrastructure. With headquarters in Minneapolis and offices in New Orleans, New York, Seattle and Washington D.C., Artspace is America's leading developer of arts facilities. To date we have completed more than fifteen hundred live/work units for artists and their families as well as more than a million square feet of non-residential space for artists and arts organizations. Additional information is available at [www.artspace.org](http://www.artspace.org).

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