

# Lyman Allyn Park

Walk Into the Future With Us

“The primary purpose of the Museum is to help people enjoy, understand, and use the visual arts of our time.”

-Alfred H. Barr, Jr.



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For nearly a century, the Lyman Allyn Art Museum has been a gathering place where people from all walks of life can explore, exchange ideas, and discover the Power of Art. Now, we want to enhance our service to the greater New London community by expanding multicultural exhibitions and programming, and amplifying our capacity as an educational and cultural destination.

The Lyman Allyn Park is an exciting opportunity to transform our 12 acres of green space by highlighting the Museum’s many assets – inside and out – to create a state-of-the-art urban destination that will help revitalize New London and the region.

### We will:

- Place our vibrant fine arts museum in a beautifully curated and environmentally sustainable setting with sculpture throughout the grounds
- Become a stimulating and engaging community destination with natural and ecologically healthy areas for learning about responsible stewardship of our planet
- Provide a regional gathering place, easily accessed by foot, bicycle, bus, or car with desirable outdoor facilities for community use, celebrations, and other civic events



This project will strengthen our efforts to more fully achieve the aspirations of people who make art, advocate for social justice, and contribute to environmental sustainability.

Please walk into the future with us!

Sam Quigley, Director  
Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Rendering: Lyman Allyn Park Master Plan

To better serve our community and meet the needs of our vibrant multicultural region, we are seeking support for the redevelopment of our 12 acres of green space into an urban art park as well as additional amenities that will complement the Museum experience as a whole.

We anticipate the project will consist of two pathways to become a unified vision.

### Park Pathway

- Restore the Museum Green with a welcoming and accessible entry plaza, and incorporate environmentally sensitive driveways, walkways, decentralized parking areas, and lighting throughout the grounds
- Revitalize the landscape to provide outdoor sculpture sanctuaries with natural seating areas, and a pollinator meadow that will inspire, promote well-being, and educate through interpretive signage about the importance of environmental sustainability and stewardship
- Build an open air 250-seat natural amphitheater to host a multitude of performance and celebratory events for all segments of our community
- Enhance the McCourt 9/11 Memorial Garden as a contemplative and healing space

### Museum Pathway

- Add a multi-story Atrium to the West façade as a central gathering space, gift shop, and café overlooking a sculpture garden and terrace
- Enhance the Atrium with gallery space in the North Wing for the exhibition of contemporary multicultural art
- Install solar arrays on reconfigured roofs for renewable, sustainable power production
- Amplify the programming to provide children with hands-on field trips, puppet shows, and plays, and extend to social service nonprofits the ability to offer wellness activities to their families



“There has never been a more exciting time to be part of the Lyman Allyn Art Museum.

Imagine strolling through a renovated art park and connecting to the natural beauty around you before entering into the building that is home to a wide variety of exhibitions! The possibilities for so many people to engage with all we offer are endless.”

– Jon Sproul  
Former President, Board of Trustees

### Questions?

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Lyman Allyn is proud to partner with Kent + Frost Landscape Architects and Andrew Berman Architects.



“This redevelopment is long overdue and will fully complete Harriet Upson Allyn’s original vision of a park and a museum for the ‘free use and enjoyment of the people of New London.’ We believe that the Lyman Allyn Park will encourage a sense of well-being and a connection to art and nature in all our visitors and neighbors, which ultimately enriches and strengthens our entire community.”



– Eliza Sharp  
President, Board of Trustees

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## Mission

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum strives to make art enjoyable, inspirational, and accessible to the people of New London, New England, and beyond. We are driven by a commitment to make our museum a gathering place for learning and the passionate exchange of ideas that educate, enrich, and resonate with the lives of all in our communities.

## Did you know?

- All New London residents receive free access to the Lyman Allyn
- Approximately 20,000 people visit us each year, including participation in our Free First Saturdays and Science Saturdays
- More than a dozen special exhibitions annually explore a wide variety of art with many voices, and amplify them through robust public programming, including lectures and experiential engagements
- More than 4,000 students participate in on-site programs each year through Museum subsidies for field trips and transportation
- More than 160,000 virtual visitors benefit annually from our online programs