

R2R Parade Proposal Outline

Turn the 8 mile ride into a ride that focuses on art and creativity. All would still be welcome. Would be a celebration of 10th, offer an opportunity to involve organization volunteers (opportunity to recruit and build community) in fun creative activity, and build energy for critical environmental work. Also helps build bike culture and sense that bikes can serve different purposes.

Parade will Include:

Decorated bikes....flags, signs, decorated helmets, costumes, etc.

Floats on trailers (no more than 3ft wide, 8ft tall).

Organization banners on bike carts.

Invite musicians on bikes.

Show off art before, during, after ride.

Possibly have some art ready early April to show off around town and build energy for Ride.... Imagine having 10 art carts roaming NH before the Ride!

Option: bring other environmental art to line Canal trail along the way, or have at Park at end.

For a wealth of ideas/art making guides (Fish on Sticks!!) see Procession of Species

(<http://www.procession.org/>). For advanced ideas Google images for: PFCU KENSINGTON KINETIC SCULPTURE DERBY.

Timeline:

Art making:

January through April.... Organizations work on art. Organize art/float making workshops to build energy and share skills and materials.

Use Day of Service to do work?

(Note: try to use recycled materials and consider use/disposal/storage afterwards. Also, consider weather and some ability to stand up to wet and wind....which is an important consideration if want to use ongoing).



R2R Parade Safety and Other Considerations

Consider wind, rain. Especially how wind might catch art and push on you.

Width ...3 foot width limit....Steel bollards on Farmington Canal Trail are about 3' 6" apart, so need to be less.

Beware of loose parts or strings getting caught in chain or wheels.

There will be lots of people looking at the art so careful with sharp edges.

Toughness: Bikes fall over. Will the art survive?

Try riding with art ahead of time to make sure it's manageable and safe. Lots of people will be out riding so design art for crowds and safety.

Construction in pieces that easily connect can make transportation and storage easier.

What will happen afterwards with art? Recyclable?

The Ride is an annual event, so future use a consideration.

Rock to Rock will have limited ability to carry large art back to Common Ground on the shuttle. Also, please pack in, pack out...Please take home art and materials.

