

# Sidewalk and Bike Path Enhancements Public Art Project Fact Sheet



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Photo: Craig Smith

**Title:** Sidewalk and Bike Path Enhancements

**Location:** The Rio Salado bike path on the south bank of Tempe Town Lake, near Rural Road and Rio Salado Parkway.

**Artist:** Laurie Lundquist

**Completion:** 1995

**Medium:** Flagstone and concrete

**Description:** This multi-modal bike path incorporates integral color concrete "wave bands," and has animal, foliage and human imprints embedded into the concrete pathway. The overall design is compatible with the bike path along the north bank of the Town Lake, but also reflects the natural habitat and historical character of the south bank.

**Funding:** The project was funded through city of Tempe Capital Improvement Project Percent for Art funds.

**Artist biography:** Laurie Lundquist is a nationally known artist who resides in Tempe. She has been active in the local community for many years. Since receiving a Masters of Fine Arts in Sculpture from Arizona State University, she has been prolific with the creation of many important local public art projects. She has exhibited both nationally and internationally, and has received numerous awards and grants for her work including multiple Valley Forward Design Excellence awards, NEA initiative grants and a Tempe Beautification Award.

**Artist statement:** Art is integral to the layout and design of the mile long path, but, is most noticeably present in the form of imprints and tiles embedded in the concrete. As a member of the Moore/Swick design team, I developed a series of images of the native species that inhabited the area before the Roosevelt Dam changed the ecology of the river.