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DESIGN TRUST FOR PUBLIC SPACE ANNOUNCES CALL FOR PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE NEW YORK CITY'S PUBLIC SPACE

The Design Trust for Public Space announces the release of their 2007-08 Request for Proposals, inviting NYC community groups and public agencies to submit applications for research, design, and planning projects that would benefit from private-sector expertise. **Project proposals are being accepted until July 27, 2007.** Download the RFP at <http://www.designtrust.org/about/proposals>

This year, in response to Mayor Bloomberg's recently released PlaNYC 2030, the Design Trust is issuing a directed RFP focusing on the need to plan now for our city's healthy future. "A healthy NYC 2030 – i.e., a city that we all still want to live in – depends on our ability to act now, directing the city's growth to achieve our goals for its future," said Deborah Marton, Design Trust Executive Director.

The Design Trust's most recent project, Taxi 07, received an overwhelmingly positive response from the public and press alike. In Taxi 07, the Design Trust worked to improve the sustainability, accessibility and design of the NYC taxi system alongside project partner, the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission. The project resulted in an exhibition of prototype taxis at the New York International Auto Show, and a publication to be released in June 2007, *Taxi 07: Roads Forward*.

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The Design Trust is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality and understanding of New York City's public realm – from parks and plazas to streets and public buildings. The Design Trust helps public agencies and community groups turn complex urban-design issues into manageable projects, then brings together a team of experts to take the project to the next level. Since its inception in 1995, the Design Trust has successfully completed nearly two-dozen projects, improving the urban experience for all New Yorkers.

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