



UpStream Art Q&A

What is UpStream Art?

The City of Springfield is excited to launch its first-ever UpStream Art project to help communicate the importance of storm drains, their function, and their connection to our rivers. UpStream Art provides local artists with the opportunity to paint up to five (5) storm drains in downtown Springfield to raise awareness about the importance of protecting our rivers, stream habitat, and aquatic wildlife.

How do I enter the UpStream Art “Call for Artists”?

- Complete the Application Packet available at springfieldstreams.org by clicking on the “UpStream Art” link.
- Include a sketch or graphic of your original design with your completed Application Packet and a short statement of how it reflects this year’s theme “Drains to Streams”. The artwork must include the following information somewhere next to the design:

City of Springfield

Springfieldstreams.org

- Submit your Application Packet and original design either by mail or drop off to: Kathryn Rifenburg, Environmental Services Division, City of Springfield, UpStream Art Project, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR 97477.
- OR, you may scan and email your completed Application Packet and original design to WaterResources@springfield-or.gov with “UpStream Art Project” in the subject line.

Who can participate?

The UpStream Art “Call for Artists” is open to all local artists with a talent for painting and an interest in helping protect local water quality!

What's the deadline to enter?

Completed application packets, including an original sketch or graphic of your design must be submitted by 5 p.m., Monday, June 13.

Are there any limitations to the design content?

Artists shall not exhibit material or content in their design to the knowledge of the Artist that are any of the following: clearly defamatory or likely to hold up to scorn or ridicule a person or group of persons; obscene or pornographic material; in advocacy of eminent lawlessness or violent action; promoting alcohol or tobacco commercial products; infringement of copyright, trademark, servicemark, title or slogan; or piracy. Artist shall not include any content in their design that may be reasonably construed to be derogatory of the City of Springfield, its officials or employees.

How will artists be selected?

A committee made up of City staff, Springfield business representatives, and representatives from the art community will select designs from those submitted. The committee will select local artists based on the message being conveyed, how well the art depicts that storm drains lead to rivers untreated, and how well the art encourages the community to help protect local waterways. Art must be tasteful and original and include the storm drain physical components.

Will I be compensated for my artwork?

If selected to participate in the UpStream Art project, artists must sign a contract agreeing to complete the mural on time, use specialized sidewalk paints provided by the City, paint the City-approved design they submitted, and release ownership of the storm drain mural artwork to the City of Springfield. Selected artists (up to five total artists) will receive \$200 for their initial design and another \$300 after the city-approved artwork is installed for \$500 total compensation. Selected designs become property of the City of Springfield.

Will I be reimbursed for my costs incurred in preparation of the application?

The City is not liable for any costs incurred by artists for the preparation and presentation of their application and materials. This includes any costs in the submission of an application or in making necessary designs for the preparation thereof.

How big is a storm drain mural?

The general size of a storm drain is 4-feet by 6-feet but this will fluctuate with each drain. **The art cannot exceed into the street.** All artwork will remain within in the confines of the storm drain structure. This is the concrete that immediately surrounds the opening (or mouth) of the storm drain and the concrete box around the lid.

Which storm drain will be mine?

Artists will be assigned a storm drain upon selection of the design. It is strongly encouraged that each artist visits the site of their storm drain before installation day.

Where are the storm drains located?

There are up to 5 storm drains that have been tentatively identified for the 2016 project, though storm drain locations may be changed at the City's discretion. Artists will be assigned a storm drain upon selection of the design. It is strongly encouraged that each artist visits the site before installation day.



What if I need to make changes to my design after I've received my assigned storm drain?

Artist will have up to two (2) weeks after they receive notice their design was selected to make MINOR modifications to their design to reflect the storm drain they will be painting. This final design must be approved by the City.

What paint should I use?

Artists must use paints provided by the City of Springfield as they are specialized for sidewalks. The City of Springfield will provide basic colors (red, black, yellow, blue, and white) and artists will be able to mix colors as needed on site.

How will paint be kept out of the storm drains?

The City will have Stream-PPE in place to prevent any accidentally spilled materials from entering into the waterways. The artists will also attend a mandatory training beforehand focused on personal safety, stormwater basics, and what to do in case an accidental spill happens.

The paint itself is Sherwin Williams Pro-Park waterborne acrylic paint, which was designed specifically to paint roadways and parking lots. Below is the link which provides EDS and GHS-SDS sheets for every color paint that will be provided in this project.

<http://www.sherwin-williams.com/painting-contractors/products/catalog/propark-waterborne-traffic-marking-paint/>

Will I need to prep the site?

City staff will power wash each storm drain site before the project begins and coat with Seal-Krete Clear Coat before and after the painting is complete.

The application mentions a required training – what is it?

Selected artists will be required to participate in a training focused on safety and stormwater. It is tentatively scheduled for August 8, 2016.

When will I paint the design?

Artists must be available to paint their designs on August 12 and August 13. Artists will be expected to start painting on August 12 and finish on August 13 as part of the Art & Chalk Fest event in Springfield. Community members and media will be invited to watch the storm drain painting installation.

How long will the artwork last?

The storm drain artwork is anticipated to last anywhere from 3-5 years. The City reserves the right to remove storm drain artwork at any time.

Will I get my storm drain artwork design returned?

The City will not return your entry. If your artwork is not selected, you will retain the rights to your design.

Additional questions?

Please email us your questions! You may contact us at WaterResources@springfield-or.gov