

UpStream Art – 2017 Call for Artists – Application Packet

What is UpStream Art?

The City of Springfield is excited to launch its second annual UpStream Art project aimed to communicate the importance of storm drains, their function, and their connection to our rivers. Local artists are invited to paint murals on storm drains to convey a visual message to observers to stop and think about where the water flows after it enters a storm drain. This project is part of the City’s education and outreach efforts to help residents understand that stormwater flows untreated to our local waterways, and that everyone has a role in helping to protect water quality, stream habitat, and aquatic wildlife. To watch a video from last year’s UpStream Art event, visit www.springfieldstreams.org.

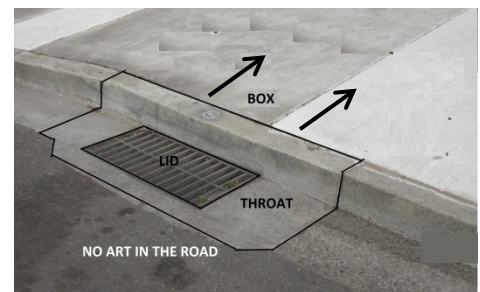


What are we looking for?

A committee made up of City staff, Springfield business representatives, and representatives from the art community will select designs from those submitted. There are up to 5 storm drains identified for the 2017 project. 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. **The theme for 2017 is “Only Rain Down the Drain” and the artwork must include the following information somewhere next to the design: “City of Springfield” and “Springfieldstreams.org”.**

Art Parameters

All artwork shall remain within the confines of the storm drain structure. This is the concrete that immediately surrounds the opening of the storm drain: box, lid and throat. **The art cannot exceed into the street.** 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 as drain area varies significantly. Artists will have up to 2 weeks after notification of selection 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. Art must be tasteful and original.



What to expect?



City of Springfield staff will clean and seal the drain area before and after the painting is done. Specialized sidewalk paints in basic colors will be provided for artists to use in: red, black, yellow, blue, and white. The artwork is anticipated to last anywhere from 3-5 years and artists will receive \$1,000 compensation upon the completion of work. Please read our Frequently Asked Questions for more information.

UpStream Art – Artist Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Website: _____

Are you a student? _____ If so, where: _____

Please attach to this application a sketch, or graphic, of your original design with your name; you are welcome to supply portfolio work, resumes, and bios – there is no age restriction for applicants. If selected, each artist will be required to submit a bio for public outreach. Feel free to attach any reference photos if you find it would be helpful including other pieces that you have created. City of Springfield will not return entries. If your artwork is not selected, you will retain the rights to your design; however, any submitted artwork will not be returned.

The City reserves the right to remove storm drain artwork at any time. 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 \$1,000 compensation each. Selected designs become property of the City of Springfield.

Please write a brief description of your piece and how it will incorporate this year’s theme “Only Rain Down the Drain” and the placement of the information “City of Springfield” and “Springfieldstreams.org” next to the design.

2017 Schedule:

Application Due: 5 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2017

Artist will be notified of selection tentative: June 5, 2017

Final design modifications must be submitted for approval: June 19, 2017

Paint pick-up, contract signing, and **required** safety and stormwater training: tentative August 8, 2017

Prep sidewalks and begin painting: August 11, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All art must be completed: 1 p.m., August 12, 2017

Submitting Your Entry:

Please submit your Application Packet and original design either by mail or drop off to the address below by 5 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2017.

Environmental Services Division
Attention: Kathryn Rifenburg
City of Springfield
UpStream Art Project
225 Fifth Street
Springfield, Oregon 97477

Or you may scan and [Dropbox](#) your Application Packet and original design to: krifenburg@springfield-or.gov with “UpStream Art Project” in the subject line by 5 p.m., Monday, May 22, 2017.

Please note that emails larger than 7MB will NOT be delivered to City email addresses; [Dropbox](#) must be used. If you have an issue submitting your Application Packet, please call 541.726.3626 *before* May 22.

If you do not receive a confirmation that your application has been received within 72 hours of submittal, call 541.726.3626 to check on the status of your application.



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