



Call For Artists: Storm Drain Mural Project to raise awareness about connection to our local waterways

The Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) is committed to restoring the Anacostia River and its tributaries to swimmable and fishable for the health and enjoyment of everyone in the community. We seek to achieve this goal by undertaking a variety of projects to build environmental awareness and engage community members, including the Storm Drain Mural Painting project. Please visit our website at www.anacostiaws.org for more details on our organization. This project is funded through the [Community Stormwater Solutions Grant](#) from the Department of Energy and Environment and Doris M. Carter Family Foundation.

Description

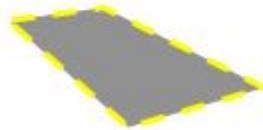
AWS is seeking artists to create designs and paint murals on a total of 20 storm drains in a variety of locations near the Anacostia River. The goal of these murals is to raise awareness of storm drains as a connection to our local waterways. Selected artists will receive a commission of \$775 per storm drain. Materials (paint and brushes) will be provided. Designs are due by 5pm on September 15th. Mural installation will take place in October 2017.

Specifications

- Designs should incorporate an environmental theme and include the text: #TrashFreeDC
- Design cannot incorporate the drain entrance as a “mouth” for any animal/creature/person/etc.
- Murals must be applied using environmentally-friendly paint. Paint, basic paint brushes, and rollers will be provided.
- Artists will be required to maintain the murals for up to one year after installation. This includes touching up worn away paint. In the event a mural needs maintenance, paint will be provided.
- Preference will be given to artists who live or work in the District of Columbia.

Mural Locations

- Murals will be applied to a total of 20 storm drains in three cluster areas near Kimball Elementary School, River Terrace Education Campus, and Eastern High School. See map of locations here: <http://bit.ly/2waGyZM>.
- The storm drains that will be painted are of varying sizes. Some are rectangular, such as the image shown below, while others are square.



Mural Area

Selection Process

Artwork will be reviewed and selected by a panel composed of local community members and staff from the Anacostia Watershed Society, District Department of Transportation, Department of Energy and Environment, and Office of Planning. Evaluations will be based on the following criteria:

1. Aesthetic strength
2. Incorporation of an environmental theme

Submissions

- Submit up to 5 final designs. For each design, indicate rectangular or square shape, colors used, and a brief description about how the design helps raise awareness about our connection to our local waterways.
- A brief artist's statement or bio.
- A statement affirming your ability to complete the mural in October 2017.
- Submissions must be emailed to Emily Conrad at econrad@anacostiaws.org by **September 15, 2017 at 5pm.**

Questions? Please contact Ariel Trahan at atrahan@anacostiaws.org or 301-699-6204 ext. 113.