



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.anacostiaaws.org for more details on our organization. This project is funded through the [Community Stormwater Solutions Grant](#) from the Department of Energy and Environment.

Description

AWS and the Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association (LRCA) are seeking artists to create designs and paint murals on a total of 3 storm drains in Lamond-Riggs. 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 \$750 per storm drain. This Mural Design competition is open to artists of all ages, including school groups and individual students. Materials (paint and brushes) will be provided. Designs are due by 5pm on November 16th. Mural installation will take place in April 2019.

Specifications

- Designs should incorporate an environmental theme
- Preference will be given to artists who live or work in the District of Columbia, with special preference given to Lamond-Riggs residents
- 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.

Mural Locations

- Murals will be applied to a total of 3 storm drains.
- The storm drains that will be painted are of varying sizes. Some will be rectangular, such as the image shown below, while others are square.



Mural Area

Selection Process

Artwork will be voted on by community members at the December 3, 2018 Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association meeting. A final decision on selected artwork will be made by Lamond-Riggs Citizens Association and Anacostia Watershed Society.

Final decisions will be based on:

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 (for adult artists). Support statement from the School Art teacher (for school groups or individual students).
- A statement affirming your ability to complete the mural in April 2019
- Submissions must be emailed to Ariel Trahan at atrahan@anacostiaws.org by **November 16, 2018 at 5pm.**

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