

Storm Drains

Storm drains play an important role in our city. They keep roads safe by draining rain water and preventing urban flooding.

Many people do not know that most of our storm drains are connected directly to a waterway. This means that everything dropping on the road can pollute our rivers and streams.

Ordinary things, including soil, trash, oil, grass clippings, chemicals, and animal waste all impair the water and make it difficult for fish and other aquatic wildlife to live or even breathe. Some pollutants, such as animal waste and oil can be a health hazard to people as well.



Art by Tavi Mounsithiraj, Goshen 2016



Inquiries

This project is being coordinated by
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Art by Leah Borden, Goshen 2016

Call for Artists



The City of Goshen is looking for artists who are interested in transforming storm drains into public works of art.

This project is a vibrant way to raise public awareness that storm drains need to be protected from pollutants. When pollutants flow into storm drains they damage the waters they flow into, including the Elkhart and St. Joseph Rivers, and ultimately Lake Michigan. The storm drains selected will be in areas of high pedestrian use in Goshen.

Interested artists should submit a proposal based on the theme:

“Our rivers are a resource worth protecting.”

Additional information can be found at
StormDrain.Art.org

Our Rivers are a Resource Worth Protecting

Submission Rules

Artists may submit design proposals before midnight on February 10, 2019. All proposals should be submitted by email to kerchersailor@ksconnections.com. Proposals must include: (1) Your Name, (2) Address, (3) Phone number, (4) Email address, (5) Art training or experience (demonstrated capacity to produce the artwork), (6) Short biography about yourself, (7) Information about your proposed design, and (8) Proposed design in color with approximate dimensions. *Note: Artwork should not cover entire sidewalk. No invasive plant or animal species should be represented.*

Artists will be selected through a local committee process and be notified by March 1, 2019. All selections are final. Entries become the property of the City and selected artists' entry information may be used to promote the project.

All applicants should be 18 years or older or have BOTH parental permission and a supervising local art teacher for their project. Information about each artist and their work will be included in a final brochure as well as on an informational website.

Important Notes

Selected volunteer artists will be assigned a storm drain in the City to work around.

Specialty paint and primer will be supplied. Artists will be provided primary colors plus white, and black. The City will seal the art after it has cured.

For longevity of the artwork, all painting is limited to the concrete sidewalk and curb and should NOT extend onto the street or the storm drain casting.

Concrete must be completely dry before painting. Artists should plan to paint when weather allows.

Artists will be required to sign a liability waiver. Artists will be allowed to begin painting on or before April 5 and must be finished by May 20, 2019. The public unveiling will be held in late May or early June 2019.

Sponsors will be sought to provide a "gift" to each artist in the amount of \$150 as a thank you for their work. Gifts will be provided to artists at the final unveiling.



Art by Jairo Jimenez, Goshen 2016