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Storm Drain Art Contest 2019 Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the deadline for entering the contest?

The deadline is February 22, 2019 at 4:00pm EST.

2. What size art should I submit?

File size: We can accept any .pdf, .png, or .jpg file that does not exceed a maximum size of 6MB

After the winners are chosen: The winning designs will be reproduced on storm drains. If feasible, we will have the artist draw the art onto a larger concrete storm drain. We will try to replicate the drawing as close as possible to the original design on the storm drain. Therefore, the size of the art submitted is not relevant. What we are looking for is our ability to replicate the art.

3. What format should I use when submitting the art?

We accept .jpg, .png and .pdf files.

Examples of methods of submission include:

- Take a picture of the artwork and submit the picture as a .jpg or .png.
- Scan the artwork and submit the scan as a .pdf
- Create the art on the computer and submit the artwork as a .jpg, .png or .pdf file.

4. Are there any limitations as to what material is used to create the art?

No limitations, you can use any media (crayon, marker, computer programs, etc). Any material you would like, as long as it is an original design). When we install the art on the storm drain, we will use paint.

5. Where will the art be installed?

The art will be installed on storm drains located around Germantown, MD near the Up County Regional Service Center in Montgomery County, MD. It is Montgomery County's discretion where, and for how long, the storm drain art will be visible.

Artwork may be reproduced multiple times on different storm drains in different parts of Montgomery County.

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection receives permission from the Department of Transportation or private storm drain(s) owners in advance of painting. **Please do not paint storm drains anywhere in the County without receiving permission from the County agency, nonprofit, Homeowner Association in the community, or business that manages the storm drain.**



6. Any dimensions I should abide by?

No. Storm drains come in all shapes and sizes. We will pair art with storm drains to make sure there is enough room for the art and work with the artist to make necessary adjustments for size.

7. What about the manholes found on storm drains?

If a manhole is located on a storm drain, we will paint the manhole cover with a solid color and no part of the design will be painted on it to make sure that the art is not altered in case the manhole cover needs to be opened.

8. Who will judge the art?

A panel representing the Montgomery County, MD Department of Environmental Protection, the Up County Regional Service Center, other County Agencies, and nonprofit partners.

9. How does the art get installed?

- a. The storm drain gets a base layer of white and allowed to dry for 24 hours.



- b. Once the base layer has dried (24 hours or later) the outline is drawn onto the storm drain.



- c. Colors are then added



- d. The art is then outlined and water related messages are finally added.



10. When will the art be installed?

The winners will see their art installed on storm drains during April 2019 (Earth Month). The art may be painted on one day or over a period of several days.

However, all submitted art may potentially be installed at later times. We will notify artists when and if their art is installed.

11. How long does the art stay on a storm drain?

The art may stay on the storm drains indefinitely. We visit the storm drains throughout the year to make sure the art is withstanding. Routine maintenance will be conducted to ensure the paint has not chipped or faded. Touchups or repainting will also be done in cases where the manhole cover has

been replaced. If the paint has chipped or faded too much the art may be painted over. It is based on the discretion of Montgomery County and the group managing the storm drain if the art needs to be removed.

12. How would someone know who designed the art?

Name or initials of artist can be included on the storm drain when painted. In addition, winners will be announced on our website and locations and pictures of day of painting will be posted.

13. Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

You can email DEP.contests@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7778.