

CALL FOR ART

Storm Inlet Painting Project 2017

The City of Sioux Falls
in Partnership with the Visual Arts Commission

Purpose of Artwork:

The City of Sioux Falls' storm drainage system is an important public utility and plays a vital role in public safety by quickly collecting water before it can accumulate and cause flooding. However, water that moves through the storm drainage system is discharged directly into the Big Sioux River with little or no treatment. To help raise awareness of the effect this has on water quality, the City of Sioux Falls partnered with local businesses, organizations, and individuals to paint murals on nine stormwater inlets downtown in 2016. The purpose of this project was to draw attention to the storm drainage system and to educate the public that stormwater is not treated. These paintings are intended to bring awareness to potential pollutants such as litter, debris, and hazardous chemicals entering the storm drainage system. This project will continue in 2017 by adding five more inlets in the downtown area to the program. To find out more about the project please visit www.siuoxfalls.org/green.

Timeline:

April 17, 2017: Project announcement
May 8, 2017 at 5 p.m.: **Submission deadline**
May 16, 2017: Design selection
June 5–9, 2017: Storm inlet painting (*weather permitting)

Design Details:

The design should focus on water quality issues related to waterways or storm drains. This year's theme is "The Big Sioux Needs You!" The design should warn against undesirable waste in the storm drain, including litter, pet waste, oil, chemicals, and yard waste. Or, the design can communicate how the storm drain leads to the Big Sioux River.

Submitted designs must be completed and in color. Submissions must include an attachment of one 8.5" x 11" illustration or photograph of the proposed artwork to keep on file. Artists may submit multiple entries. Only one entry per artist may be selected. Designs should include the entire top portion of the inlet lid. Manhole covers may also be painted. Painting the adjacent sidewalk or any area outside of the inlet lid will not be allowed. Also, painting the inside of the inlet will not be allowed.

Selected artists will be provided with paint for the designs, generously donated by Norberg Paints. Photos of the selected and completed storm drains will be posted to the City's website (www.siuoxfalls.org) and social media accounts. Each of the five selected artists will receive \$200 compensation for their design and painting. Inlet covers will be prepped for painting by City staff with a clear prime coat. There will be an inlet reserved for youth submissions under the age of 18. If you or your organization would like to be considered for this category, please indicate this on your application submission.

Please contact the City of Sioux Falls Public Works Environmental division with any questions regarding your design.

Application Process:

Submissions should be addressed to Jessica Lantgen. They may be **hand-delivered** to 1017 East Chambers Street, Sioux Falls, SD; **mailed** to Public Works Environmental, 224 West Ninth Street, P.O. Box 7402, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-7402; or **emailed** to jlantgen@siouxfalls.org with the subject "Storm Inlet Painting Submission." **Designs must be submitted by 5 p.m. on May 8, 2017.** The following information must be included for your submission to be considered:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Link to portfolio (or attach/include design[s])
- Short statement about inspiration for design
- Colored 8.5" x 11" illustration or photograph of artwork
- Category: adult -or- youth (under 18 years old)

Judging/Awards Criteria:

The design submissions will be juried by the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission in partnership with the Sioux Falls Sustainability Program. Selection criteria will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- 1) **Appropriateness**—How is the content or obvious symbolism of the proposed piece of artwork appropriate for those who will view the art, and is it within the context of the site where it will be viewed? Is the artwork in concert with the theme?
- 2) **Relevance**—Does the artwork seem particularly relevant to the place where it will be displayed or to the public who will view it?
- 3) **Site plan**—Does the scale of the artwork fit appropriately within and complement and/or enhance the physical location where it will be placed?
- 4) **Visibility/impact**—Does the proposed location offer high visibility and/or impact to the public?

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