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## **Springfield is Calling All Artists for UpStream Art**

The City of Springfield is launching its first-ever UpStream Art project and is calling on local artists to submit entries.

The UpStream Art project seeks local artists to paint up to five (5) storm drains in the downtown area to help raise awareness about the importance of protecting our rivers, stream habitat, and aquatic wildlife. UpStream Art also provides a platform to creatively illustrate the importance of storm drains, their function, and their connection to our waterways.

The 2016 theme is “Drains to Stream” – as many people may not realize that most pollutants entering storm drains flow untreated into our local waterways.

The deadline to enter is 5 p.m., Monday, June 13. Entries must be original artwork and interested artists must complete the Application Packet. Application Packets and additional information about UpStream Art is available at [www.springfieldstreams.org](http://www.springfieldstreams.org) and click on the UpStream Art link.

If selected to paint a storm drain, each artist must be available to paint and complete the artwork August 12 and 13, 2016 (painting will start on the same day as the Second Friday Art Walk in downtown Springfield and will be completed during the Art & Chalk Fest event).