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## **Calling Artists for Springfield's Second Annual UpStream Art Installation**

Local artists in the Eugene-Springfield area are invited to apply to UpStream Art, where murals will be painted on storm drains to convey a visual message about protecting our rivers, stream habitat, and aquatic wildlife. Artists have until 5 p.m., Monday, May 22 to submit an application and design. Application instructions can be found at [www.springfieldstreams.org](http://www.springfieldstreams.org).

Artists are encouraged to create unique designs that speak to this year's theme: "Only Rain Down the Drain." Up to five artists will be selected to participate, and artists will be compensated for their artwork. The storm drain murals will be installed in August in downtown Springfield. The City of Springfield is proud to partner with AARP as a sponsor for this year's UpStream Art, in order to increase the livability, health and vibrancy of Springfield.

"We want to raise awareness of what storm drains are, and what happens when things other than stormwater go down the storm drain," said Kathryn Rifenburg, Environmental Services technician with the City of Springfield. "That can be anything from cigarette butts, to automotive fluids, to yard debris – when washed down storm drains these pollutants flow untreated into our local waterways."

Storm drain murals from the 2016 UpStream Art project can be seen on Fifth and "A" streets in downtown Springfield. Additional information about UpStream Art, including videos from last year's event, is available at [www.springfieldstreams.org](http://www.springfieldstreams.org).

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