

ADOPT-A-STORM DRAIN DESIGN CONTEST



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Storm drains flow directly to local streams, creeks, rivers, and wetlands, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Shockingly, many individuals do not know that storm drains lead directly into our waterways without going through a treatment plant. This pollution, from roads, parking lots, and yards, harm our waterways and permeate our water sources with common pollutants such as pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste, grass clippings and leaves.

To educate and increase awareness of the importance of water quality, the city has developed a design contest alongside the program to highlight the significance of common contaminants on our local waterways while also beautifying out neighborhoods and city roads.

The "Adopt A Storm Drain" program through the city of Lexington's Environmental Services asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution. While we hope to encourage residents to design and paint a storm drain it is not required to adopt it.



TURN THIS...

INTO THIS!



DESIGN CONTEST GUIDELINES

WHO CAN ENTER?

The contest is open to all, including any child, adult, and organizations (i.e. religious organizations, neighborhood associations, clubs, etc.).

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DESIGN?

Entrants will submit a storm drain design to be painted on concrete sidewalk above storm drains. This effort will help to encourage residents to dump less harmful products into our sewer system and to care for our local water quality. Designs must be reflective of the ecology, water, nature, creatures, landscape, or community in which the drain is located. For example, do you have a landmark or special feature in your community? What do you love about your neighborhood? Share why it is special to you and why you want to protect your local waterways.

HOW WILL DESIGNS BE JUDGED?

Designs will be judged by a panel consisting of city officials and community representatives. They will consider the following criteria:

- To what extent does the design communicate a message with respect to water quality?
- How well does the design communicate the message "only water down the drain"?

There will be one winner for each category (youth, adult, and organization/group).

CONTEST RULES

- Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning on **Monday, February 3rd, 2020** through **Friday, April 10th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Each entrant must complete and paint their design by **Sunday April 26th, 2020.**
- Entrants must list three possible drain design locations.

HOW DO I SUBMIT?

There are several ways to submit an entry:

- Mail or drop off your submissions at:
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
CC: Eve Wallingford
200 East Main St.
Lexington KY 40507
- Apply online at
www.lexingtonky.gov/stencil.

Or scan your entry and paperwork to ewallingford@lexingtonky.gov.

Please note that paper copies of the application can be obtained at the Government Center front desk (200 East Main Street) or online at www.lexingtonky.gov/stencil.

QUESTIONS?

For more information please contact project coordinator Eve Wallingford at ewallingford@lexingtonky.gov or (859) 280-8265.

DESIGN CONTEST TEMPLATE

Please design within the outline. Keep in mind that there will be areas of the design that could be impacted by street sign posts, vents, sidewalks, etc. It's best to keep the focus of your design towards the center of the box.

Participant Name: _____

Signature of Individual or Guardian: _____

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1st Choice Location: _____ 2nd: _____ 3rd: _____