

Protecting Our Rivers.

Call for Artists

The Mesa County Storm Drain Art Project is a public-private initiative designed to raise awareness about stormwater pollution by transforming storm drain inlets and other key locations into works of art. This project highlights the direct impact of these sites on water quality while engaging the community through creative expression.

Local artists are invited to submit designs, which will be reviewed and selected by the MS4 TAC Committee. Storm drain inlets and other designated locations vary in size, with different dimensions and surface restrictions. Artwork will be applied to concrete surfaces, including sidewalks, drain lids, curbs, and gutters.

In selecting designs, the Committee will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria: Artistic Excellence, Technical Competence, Scale, Form and Content, and the Appropriateness of the Design in Relation to the Site's Function.

All artwork must be created using waterborne traffic paint, which will be supplied by Mesa County. Available colors include yellow, red, blue, black, and white; artists will be responsible for mixing their own color palette. Additionally, Mesa County will provide essential painting supplies, such as brushes, rollers, and applicators. No additional art supplies will be reimbursed.

Each artist will receive a **\$250 commission** upon the successful completion of their approved design.

Concept Requirements

Designs must include one or more of the following concepts:

- Stormwater pollution prevention (litter, yard waste, grass clippings, leaves, cigarette butts, vehicle fluids, pet waste, motor oil, soapy water, etc.)
- Aquatics, wildlife, riparian habitat, including native species (amphibians, fish/trout, or native species to Colorado such as magpies, great blue herons, ducks, songbirds, raptors, cottonwoods, willows, grasses etc.)
- Quality of life (clean water for recreation, drinking, natural beauty, agriculture, watershed protection, etc.)

Design Criteria

Designs must also adhere to the following criteria.

- Some **changes to chosen designs may be required, to accommodate the specific location.** Artists are encouraged to visit the location in person to get a feel for the actual size and sun factors.

- Each Storm Drain is the property of the City of Fruita, Town of Palisade, Mesa County, or Colorado Parks and Wildlife so each artist must release artwork to the Mesa County by a signed agreement. Additional agreements with the afore mentioned entities may also be necessary.
- Designs must be painted on the area surrounding the drain and must run to or incorporate the drain. Most art areas are square or rectangular, but designs do not necessarily have to be within a straight frame.
- Artwork must be confined to the storm drain surface and vertical face of the curb and must not extend into the bottom mouth of the inlet, or on the road.
- Artwork must not depict the storm drain opening as a mouth. This has been found to encourage the dumping of trash into storm drains (we do not want to feed the inlets).
- Designs may not contain any business promotions or advertisements, nor include any breach of intellectual property, brands or trademarks, or depictions of illegal activity.
- Designs must be public friendly, and legible if messaging is incorporated.
- The final painting must match the proposed design.
- The artist further grants Mesa County Stormwater Division the following exclusive rights:
 - Reproduction (including electronic images) for promotion and educational purposes.
 - The right to remove the artwork (or sections of the artwork) from the site for any reason.

Application Period

Art submissions are accepted Monday - Friday, 8 am-4 pm.

Applicants are asked to submit 1-2 images of proposed artwork and a brief statement of interest (300 words max). Proposed images may be sketches or digital renderings. They should properly demonstrate the type and style of artwork in relation to the designated inlet.

Submitting images and statement

By Email: Joshua.Martinez@mesacounty.us

Mail: Address to: Mesa County, C/O Joshua Martinez, 200 S Spruce St Dept. 5013, Grand Junction, CO 81502

Drop Off: 200 S Spruce St, Grand Junction, CO 81501 Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

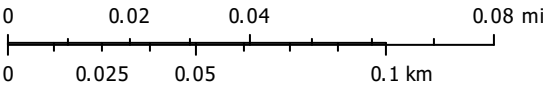
Submissions will be accepted until May 2, 2025

Location 1: 29 Road Riverfront Trail
(Off of 29 Rd west of James M. Robb- Colorado River State Park)



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Location 2: Town of Palisade Pool
(Elberta Ave & W Fifth Street)

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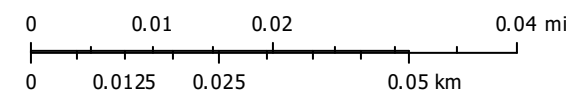
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Location 2: Town of Palisade Pool
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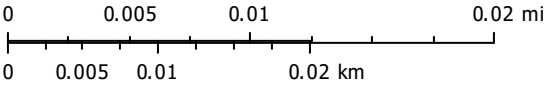


Location 3: City of Fruita Civic Center
(N Peach St. & E Aspen Ave)



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