

Stillwater Artist Application

Introduction

Thank you for participating in the Power of the St. Croix Utility Box Mural Project. This project was funded through the 2018 Great Idea Competition Grant from the Stillwater Area Foundation, with the partnership of ArtReach St. Croix, the City of Marine on St. Croix, the City of Stillwater, and the Washington County Historical Society.

This project seeks qualified artists and is requesting proposals from individuals/teams from the surrounding community to create two-dimensional murals on selected transformer cabinets located in Marine on St. Croix and Stillwater. This is part of the **Power of the St. Croix Utility Box Mural Project**, which celebrates the St. Croix River and our local artistic talent, while mitigating the negative effects of graffiti and unwanted postings on utility boxes. It will also create lasting pieces of art that will improve the appearance of downtown for residents and visitors alike.

We hope to recognize and celebrate the local artists of our community, and develop a positive artistic vibe to the City of Stillwater and Marine on St. Croix. All submissions must revolve around the theme of the river. It is up to the artist to interpret that creatively.

Mission

The idea to transform something that is ugly- the common, bland green or grey utility boxes, into something beautiful is not new. Cities across the nation, from Minneapolis to Fort Collins, have completed similar projects to beautify and enliven their downtowns.



Theme

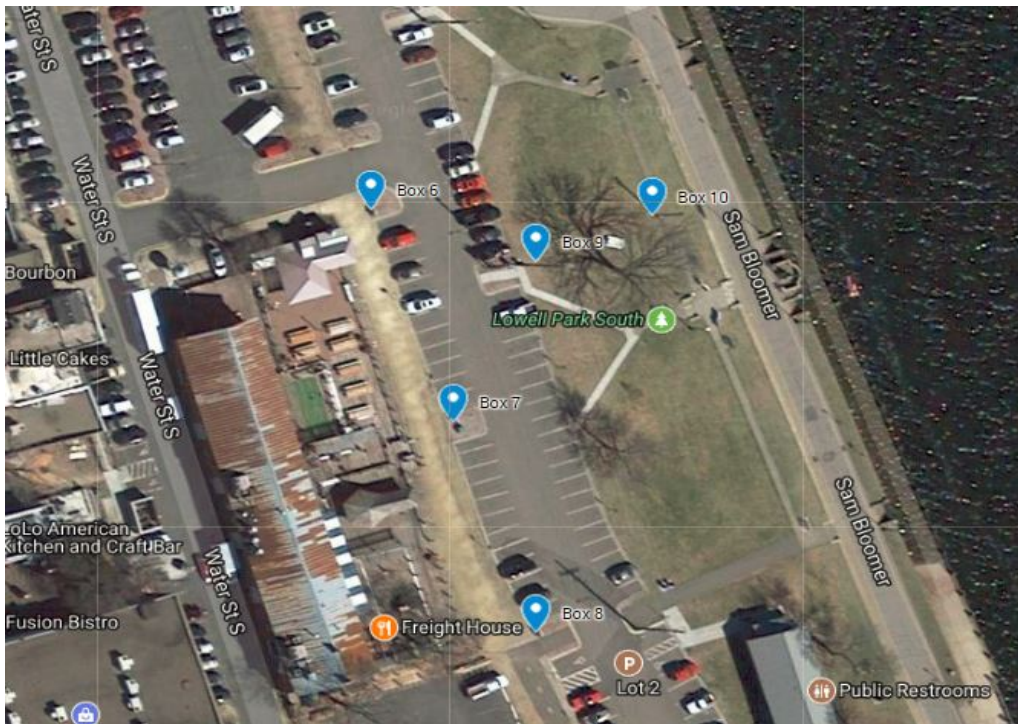
The theme of this project revolves around the River, as it is the River that connects all of our towns and villages. It will also coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act that protected the St. Croix Riverway. Submissions will be themed around the River. It could be the natural beauty of the river or the history of the river, it can be realist or abstract, it can be photography or a painting. There are endless possibilities with this project!

Stillwater Locations

Please refer to the map below to select your box.



North Lowell Park Locations



South Lowell Park Locations

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Power of the St. Croix Utility Box Mural Project! We can't wait to see your work. Please make sure you have read the RFP and know the rules and regulations from the city prior to submitting your application.

Submission Checklist- *Don't* forget to turn in all forms.

Completed Application

Artist name mailing address, e-mail address, website, and telephone number.

Artwork Information

Artwork title and brief description of submitted piece {100 words or less) of reasons or inspiration behind your proposal. (May be used in promotional materials.)

Template Sample

Proposals should be submitted on material as described under specifications using the provided box template design, and include all sides of the box. Include a color rendering with an accurate depiction of your proposed design for the box including signature. All submitted proposals become the property of the City of Stillwater.

Work can be submitted via email or hardcopy. In email, your design should be on the template in this RFP

Name:

Address (Please include your full mailing address where you would like your check sent):

Email:

Phone:

Name of School or Organization (if applicable):

Date Submitted

Desired Box location (we will let you know if your first pick isn't available):

Artist Bio

Please attach a brief biography of yourself as an artist, including previous work if available.

Why do you believe public art is an important part of the community?

Tell us how your proposal fits in with the theme of the St. Croix River?

Artwork Information

Please include Title of Submission, medium, submission description in no more than 100 words for each submission. (Rendering must be included in color provided showing all sides using template below, or your own). This will be used to promote your box.

Please return your application with all questions answered and accompanying material to:

Attention: Fitzie Heimdahl

ArtReach St. Croix

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info@artreachstcroix.org

Utility Box Design Template

This is a typical utility box diagram representing the four sides and top. Please use it to sketch the images as it would be painted with directional arrows. Unique colors and bold graphics work well, along with bright images that can be seen from a distance. **Detailed images in color of each side must be submitted on 8.5" x 11" paper.**

Actual utility boxes vary in size shape size and will have various vents, seams, doors, and handles. It will be the artists responsibility to become familiar with their box and its measurements.

Artist Name:

Artwork Title:

Box Number:

