



Capitol Region Watershed District

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CALL TO ARTISTS: Display Competition “H₂O on the Go– Innovative, Participatory Display”

About Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD):

CRWD is dedicated to protecting, managing and improving the water resources of the District, which includes parts of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville and Saint Paul. All of the District’s lakes, including Como Lake, Crosby and Little Crosby Lakes, Loeb Lake and Lake McCarrons, eventually flow into the Mississippi River.

Through research, planning, action and community engagement, CRWD works across geographic and political boundaries to protect the health of the District’s wetlands, lakes, streams and river. This design competition was developed to enhance engagement at community and cultural events.

Purpose:

CRWD is seeking inventive design proposals for a display to showcase at community events and in our office that educates community members about the health of our water resources and the crucial role we play in protecting them. A winner will be selected via Review Committee, which will be comprised of well-known, local artists including **Seitu Jones, Christine Baeumler, and Steve Dietz**. The winner will be awarded \$5,000 to fabricate their display by August 30, 2019.

Objectives:

- Highlight the vital relationship between water resources, people, and the work of CRWD.
- Construct a functional, mobile display.
 - o One person must be able to move and set-up the display (approx. 40 lbs.), it can fit through a standard doorway and beneath a 10' x 10' canopy for outdoor events and be transported in a personal vehicle.
- Ensure it can withstand different weather events – rain, wind, sun, etc.
- Consider including technology and other dynamic elements (though not a requirement).



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- Engage participants in learning about actions they can take to help protect our water resources.
- Communicate information using simple language, infographics, and translation where necessary (Hmong, Somali, Spanish, Dakota, Ojibwe, Karen, etc.) to reach as many community members as possible.

Proposal Materials:

1. Artist or team name and contact information (Email, Address, Phone).
2. Brief biography about the artist or team including background and relevant experience. 300 words or less.
3. A brief description and sketch of the project concept including the project title, central themes and messages, major goals of the display (what should people leave with), size and weight parameters, technical needs (electricity, water, table, etc.). 300 words or less.
4. Attach images, renderings, or samples of past work if applicable (3-4 images).
5. Provide a simple budget including all materials necessary to complete the project.

Competition Process and Schedule:

January 7, 2019: Call opens!

February 5, 2019: Kick-off Workshop (1-hour, attendance encouraged).

March 25, 2019: **Proposals due!**

April 2019: The Review Committee will select and award finalists with \$250 to develop prototypes.

June 2019: Prototype showcase at CRWD's Grand Opening.

July 2019: Winner chosen by Review Committee and announced. \$5,000 awarded for fabrication.

August 30, 2019: Display fabrication completed.

Proposal Submission:

Email proposals to Megan Frisvold at mfrisvold@capitolregionwd.org. Call 651-644-8888 Ext. 106 with questions.



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Resource List for Artists

Themes:

1. *"Recognition, Land Sovereignty"* - Honor cultural connections to water throughout the District. Understand and recognize the variety of relationships that exist with water resources in the District.
2. *"The science of hydrology"* – Display interactive hydrologic processes in engaging ways that communicate the work of CRWD.
3. *"Conservation / Sustainability"* - Demonstrate how rainwater and stormwater is a resource that can be captured, stored and reused. Educate people on the role of clean water in ecosystems and for other species.
4. *"Making invisible systems visible and/or audible"* - (i.e., Trout Brook Storm Sewer Interceptor/Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary) Create connections between underground stormwater systems and surface bodies of water.
5. *"We are all part of the solution"* – Communicate residents' role in watershed protection and provide them with the information, resources, and skills to take action to protect water.
6. *"Innovative Urban Watershed Management"* – Highlight innovative stormwater management practices with an emphasis on systems that restore or mimic the natural water cycle.

Additional Resources

- What We Do/Map of CRWD Range: <http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/our-work/>
- Water Resource Improvement Projects: <http://www.capitolregionwd.org/our-work/water-resource-improvement-projects/>
- CRWD Data mapping tool:
<http://waterdata.capitolregionwd.org/applications/login.html?publicuser=Guest#waterdata/stationoverview>
- Como Lake Story Map:
<https://crwd.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=e3e74089e69e46aeb9ac53e9974488fd>