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**Storm Drain Becomes Canvas for Awareness**

The City of Springfield Storm Water Services Division would like to recognize the efforts of Knial Piper for his unique artwork that will help raise awareness about protecting water quality. Knial, 18, contacted the Division with his idea of painting a storm drain to inspire creativity and the arts. The idea dovetailed perfectly with other projects implemented as part of the Division's storm water education efforts.

Knial's artwork, along with the Division's storm drain marking program and manhole design contest, helps raise awareness that storm drains are connected to area waterways and need to be protected. These efforts help to fulfill the City's federally mandated Storm Water Management Program that includes increasing public awareness and involvement in storm water quality issues. Knial's artwork depicting a tree and the message "Water Clean = Tree Green" can be seen at Jefferson and Park Central East.

To find out how individuals and businesses can help prevent storm water pollution, visit [www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater](http://www.springfieldmo.gov/stormwater). For more information, please contact Carrie Lamb in the Storm Water Services Division at 864-1901 or [clamb@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:clamb@springfieldmo.gov).