

Street Murals



Photo: SMTC

Project Description

Street murals can add life, character, and vibrancy to an otherwise nondescript intersection. Painting the mural can be an opportunity for community building and getting to know people in your neighborhood. Note that street murals are not traffic control devices and have not been proven to be effective at slowing traffic.

Mural designs must be approved by the City through the Public Arts Commission. No logos or text are allowed in murals. Murals are not permitted at signalized intersections.

Project Length

Unlike most pop-up projects, street murals can have unlimited lifespans – since they are not traffic controls, murals can be allowed to fade over time, or they can be refreshed by neighborhood groups. Also, it is not necessary to collect “data” related to street murals, although the project’s sponsor may want to create social media posts or otherwise advertise the project.

Quick Notes

- Murals can remain in place indefinitely.
- Street murals are best used at neighborhood gateways.
- No logos, text, or advertisements
- No offensive materials
- The mural must not encroach on any crosswalks - whether or not the crosswalk is marked.
- Mural designs must be approved by the Syracuse Public Art Commission before gaining approval for installation.