Utility box wrap program

Utility box wraps have been used in several cities nationwide to add artistic flare and detract graffiti in neighborhoods and communities. The purpose of the program would be to further enhance neighborhood connectivity and provide a way to incorporate more art in the community. Only city-owned utility boxes are available for wrapping at this time. Included is a map for utility box locations.

About the wraps

- A utility box can be wrapped in an adhesive vinyl with a lifespan of five to seven years. The wrap material is similar to what is used on vehicles.
- The vinyl is graffiti resistant, allowing for graffiti to be easily removed with water and rubbing alcohol.
- The utility box needs to be in good condition prior to being wrapped; scratches, dents, dirt and other material must be removed.
- Neighborhoods are able to select wrap designs from pre-approved images.

Eligibility

This program is eligible for St. Louis Park organizations and all neighborhoods that have a city-owned utility box in or bordering their neighborhood. If the utility box borders two or more neighborhoods, both must be given the opportunity to be involved. Neighborhoods and organizations interested in the program would be responsible for completing an application, pre-wrap inspection and preparation of the utility box, ensuring all neighborhood residents are given the opportunity to participate in the image selection process and working with the wrap printing company to finalize wrap installation and removal. Two neighborhood residents must be involved in the process in the event that one neighbor moves or is unable to complete the project.

Neighborhood/organization responsibility

- Box prep: Clean and get box measurements
- Engage neighborhood residents in the selection process
  - As part of application process, applicants are required to provide a strategy for incorporating neighborhood residents (i.e. survey, post throughout the neighborhood, meetings, etc.)
  - If box borders another neighborhood:
    - Organized neighborhood: Must partner with existing neighborhood association steering committee in application (or get their approval if they do not want to participate)
    - Unorganized neighborhood: Must do direct outreach to include neighborhood input in final selection process
- Maintenance: Removing graffiti; on-going maintenance: Cleaning the box, repainting after wear
- Selecting and working with the vendor. The city cannot recommend vendors. However, the city can provide the names of vendors that have experience with utility box wraps.
Pre-approved Images

Fish Mosaic by Stacia Goodman

“Turtles” by Sarah Balk Mcgrill
"Bicyclists" by Peter May

Fish Graphic Design by Michelle Willinganz
Colorful Design by Andie Kiley
Utility Box Locations

Legend
- SLP Utility Box Locations
- Used SLP Utility Box Locations