



BAYOU LAND  
RC&D Council

## Storm Drain Marker Design Contest Grades 4-8

Bayou Land Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council in partnership with Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and the Houma Regional Arts Council invite local 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in the 2012 Terrebonne Parish storm drain marker design contest.

The individual submitting the winning design will receive acknowledgement from local leaders as well as have his/her drain marker design applied to storm drains in Terrebonne Parish. The local winning class will be encouraged to volunteer in affixing the drain markers to storm drains with Bayou Land RC&D volunteers.

The winning design will be announced on October 27, 2012 at the Houmapalooza Music Festival in Courthouse Square, downtown Houma.

### Contest Instructions:

- 1) Create your design in a 4" diameter circle, like examples (see examples).
- 2) Use ONLY 2 colors: blue and green (not multiple shades of blue and green—just one blue and one green)
- 3) Do NOT use crayons; use colored pencils or other neat drawing items instead.
- 4) Make sure your design is clear and lettering is done with clean lines.
- 5) We suggest starting the drawing in pencil first, then coloring.
- 6) Have fun, be creative!
- 7) Helpful Hints: outline green pictures in blue if you want to accent them... use the white of the paper to your advantage too, like in the lettering of the examples!
- 8) To be eligible to win please follow directions... email questions to [info@bayoulandrcd.org](mailto:info@bayoulandrcd.org)
- 9) Please have entries completed by September 14, 2012. Include your name, age, telephone number, grade, teacher's name, and school name on the back side of the design. Send to Houma Regional Arts Council (address below).

Drain markers are colorful, long-lasting markers that are affixed to storm drain inlets and street gutter catch basins to remind people that only rain should enter our drainage canals, which are pumped without any treatment into our bayou system.

Through drain marking activities, students and residents alike can be educated about the harmful effects of non-point source pollution. Non-point source pollution affects ecosystems, the beauty and health of coastal lands and waters, and even the economy. The largest source of non-point source pollution is rain water runoff, which occurs when rain moves over and through the ground collecting harmful pollutants, litter, trash, leaves, and debris and deposits them into our bayou system. Visit <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2953/Default.aspx> to learn more about non-point source pollution and what we can do to prevent this in pollution in our bayous.

### Send all entries to:

Houma Regional Arts Council, P.O. Box 3678, Houma, LA 70361

### Or Hand-deliver to:

Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, 7910 W. Park Ave, Houma, LA 70364

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-5pm, and Saturday 12-4pm



**EXAMPLE of STORM DRAIN MARKERS:**

In Terrebonne Parish we “Drain” to waterlife and bayou systems. “NO DUMPING -- DRAINS TO THE BAYOUS” is appropriate for us, but there are numerous other ways to say this.



In Terrebonne Parish our call number to report spills or dumping is **985-873-6357**



The team of judges will be looking for a marker that acknowledges our local bayou and our native species.

Teachers, School Leaders, or after school club facilitators:

Bayou Land RC&D Council's Watershed Coordinators are happy and available to visit local schools to provide a hands-on lesson on the waterlife and bayou systems. For more information please contact:

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