

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(3)

**AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT
MEETING DATE: June 6, 2006**

TITLE: A Review of the Report on the Storm Drain Marker Contest

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Contest Flyer C. Carrboro Elementary Entries D. Glenwood Elementary Entries E. Smith Middle Entries F. Winning Entries G. Town Storm Drain Marker Design	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: D. Will Autry, 918-7326

PURPOSE

On October 26th, 2004 staff made a presentation to the Board about a storm drain marker program, which is a requirement of the Town's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Phase II Stormwater Permit. During that presentation the Board requested that a design contest including Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) be conducted to provide an opportunity for public involvement and outreach in the process. Staff would like to present the results of the contest and have the Board recognize the winning contestants.

INFORMATION

Staff initiated the contest by distributing flyers (See attachment B) via the Town's environmental listserv and to art and science teachers and principals for CHCCS with Carrboro students. The initial entry deadline was November 30th, 2005. A second solicitation for entries had a January 15th, 2006 deadline. After these two attempts, only one classroom of entries had been received. Based on the limited response staff solicited more entries again on March 28th, 2006 with an April 28th, 2006 deadline. During this round two more classrooms submitted entries (See attachments C, D, & E) for a total of more than 80 entries.

In October 2005 a storm drain marker contest selection committee was chosen including 2 Aldermen, 2 Environmental Advisory Board members, 1 Arts Committee representative, the Town Manager, and the Streets Superintendent. In early May staff solicited input from the committee via email. Staff has considered the committee's input and selected a number of contestants to be recognized.

The winner of the contest is Stephanie Bui, a 6th grader from Smith Middle School. The designs of the winner and honorable mentions are included as Attachment F. The Town's storm drain marker design, which was inspired by Miss Bui's entry, is included as Attachment G.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Board has already set aside funds in the current year's budget and proposed funds in the budget for FY 2006-07 that are expected to cover the placement of ~1200 markers. It is anticipated that more markers will need to be purchased in the future, but not before FY09.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached resolution accepting this report and recognizing the winning contestants.