

Street Painting

In what is being called the first event of its kind in New York City, various community groups came together to paint a magnificent mural on St. Edwards Street in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. The project was designed by art students. These short term public art installations are called “Arterventions.”

Not only did these students beautify their school’s street, but they also identify it to motorists as a thoroughfare frequented by children in a way that conventional markings and signs do not.

Since this could be a model for a similar project in Albany it is possible for various community groups, paint businesses, and others to partner with the school district to complete such a pilot project. The superintendant of Albany schools is discussing this with the principals in the district. The idea for this project has also been forwarded to the Traffic and Safety Commission and the Arts Committee. It is consistent with the theme of transitional art, which the Arts Committee has been exploring.

This item will be on the May agenda of the City Council meeting when the Arts Committee will present its draft Arts Master Plan.

Website for further information:

<http://www.streetsblog.org/2009/05/18/streetfilms-students-paint-the-pavement-in-brooklyn/>