

City of Albany
Litter Can Mosaic Project Proposal
October 2012

Project Overview

The City's Community Development Department is considering the creation of an Adopt-A-Can Program to help beautify City litter cans at a minimal cost. The City owns approximately 70 aggregate cement litter cans placed along Solano and San Pablo Avenue (see images below). The Adopt-A-Can Program will be modeled after Oakland's program, where volunteer community groups or schools apply to 'adopt' a litter can and create a mosaic.

Current Aggregate Cement Litter Cans



Adopt-A-Spot Litter Can Adoption Program, City of Oakland

- Oakland's Public Works Agency provides opportunities for individuals, families, neighborhood groups, schools, civic organizations, employee groups and local businesses to adopt a litter can.
- Volunteers commit to decorating the can with mosaics and cleaning up graffiti and litter.
- Volunteers are not required to go through the City's Public Art process for this program.
- The City provides paint or graffiti removal product, volunteers provide the supplies for the mosaics.
- Estimated \$100-\$200 for supplies for one trash bin.
- Estimated 24-36 volunteer hours for one trash bin.



Path to Picasso Program
City of Livermore

- Partnership between City's Community Development Department and the Police Department
- Student artists and local professional artists work with at-risk youth artists to beautify City recycling cans.
- Goal is to provide artistic outlet for local youth and to program is to raise awareness and encourage participation in the City's recycling program.



Utility Box Program
City of Emeryville

- Artist Seyed Alavi worked school students with to develop images
- Painted 25 utility boxes
- Received recognition from non-profit Americans for the Arts
- This project has suffered from extensive graffiti, but the City is looking in to using new paints with anti-graffiti properties



Corvallis, Oregon



Encinitas, CA



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