

# STORM DRAIN MARKING in **karst** areas ...goes *national!*

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Do you ever have the desire to leave your mark on public property?

Well, here's a way of putting those creative energies to work (and it's much more productive than spray painting graffiti) - **storm drain marking!**

By placing small discs, with customizable messages and images, on or next to stormwater inlets, you can **help protect water quality**; many drain directly to streams... and some even to caves.

Of course, you need to check with your local municipality, first. Generally, the agencies are warmly accepting of the **programs** as they help improve stormwater quality as well as assist them in meeting government regulations, such as those from the EPA, regarding **point and non-point source pollution**. There's nothing like a win/win.

These **initiatives** have been done in **towns** including Bloomington, Indiana and Lewisburg, West Virginia, see: [www.bloomington.in.gov/utilities](http://www.bloomington.in.gov/utilities) and [www.wvcc.net/newsitem.asp?id=128](http://www.wvcc.net/newsitem.asp?id=128)

The **Environmental Education Committee** of the **National Speleological Society**, in partnership with the **West Virginia Cave Conservancy** and others, are available to help you set up your own program.

Just think of the fun and productive times you could have working with school groups, service organizations, and more on water quality **education and outreach** endeavors that improve your community!

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