Graffiti Abatement and Grant Opportunities

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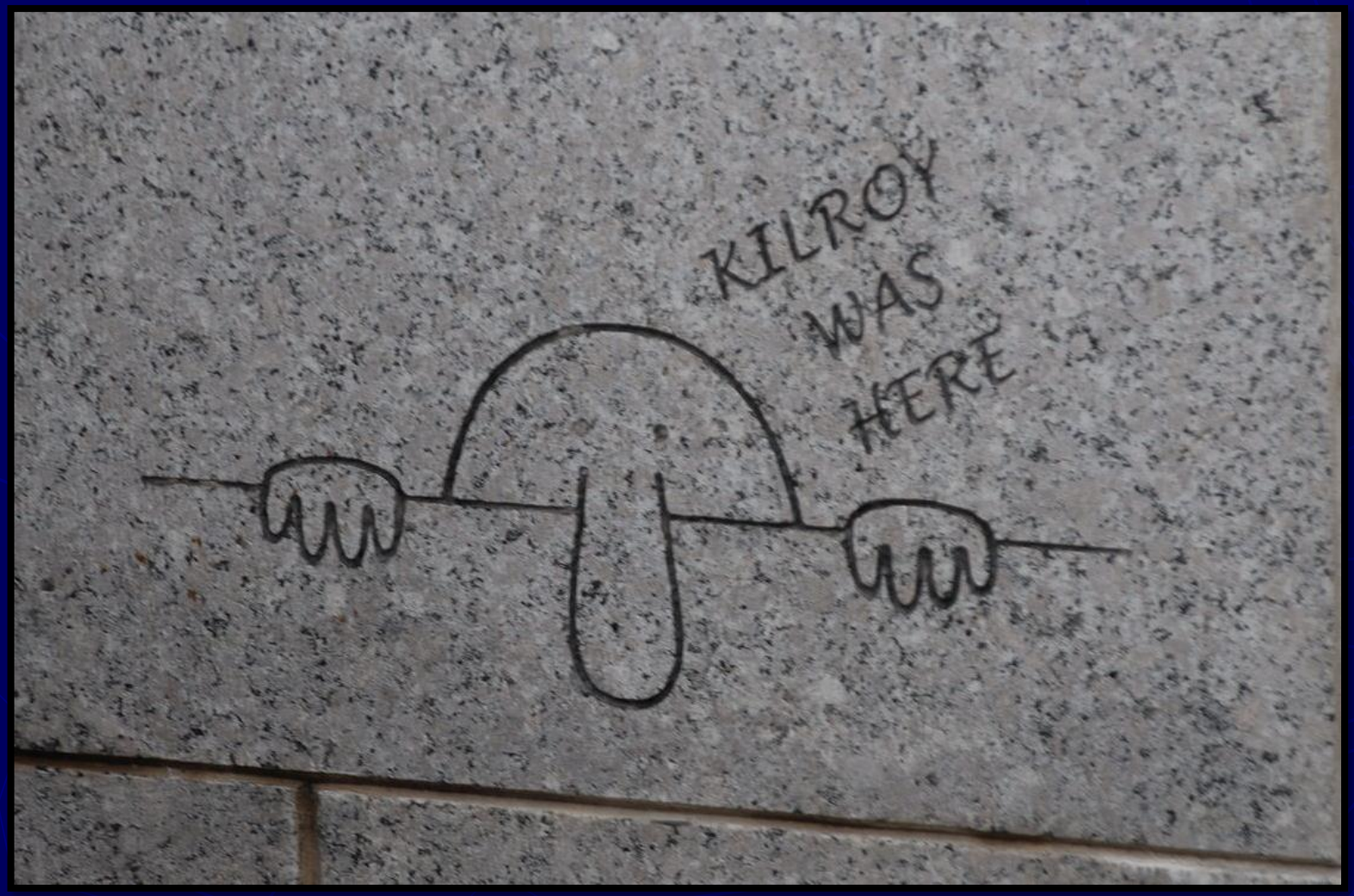




Lady Pink Acrylic



Lady Pink, acrylic on canvas, gallery exhibit, Greenwich, CT, Oct 6 - Nov. 3, 2011 Art Crimes/Graffiti News & Events

Illegal Graffiti

- "Art versus Crime" debate not municipal issue
- Issue is ownership or permission of owner
- Marking without permission is vandalism
- Freedom of expression stops at the property of another

Graffiti Types

Piecer Graffiti
aerosol mural art



Gang Graffiti
a communications tool



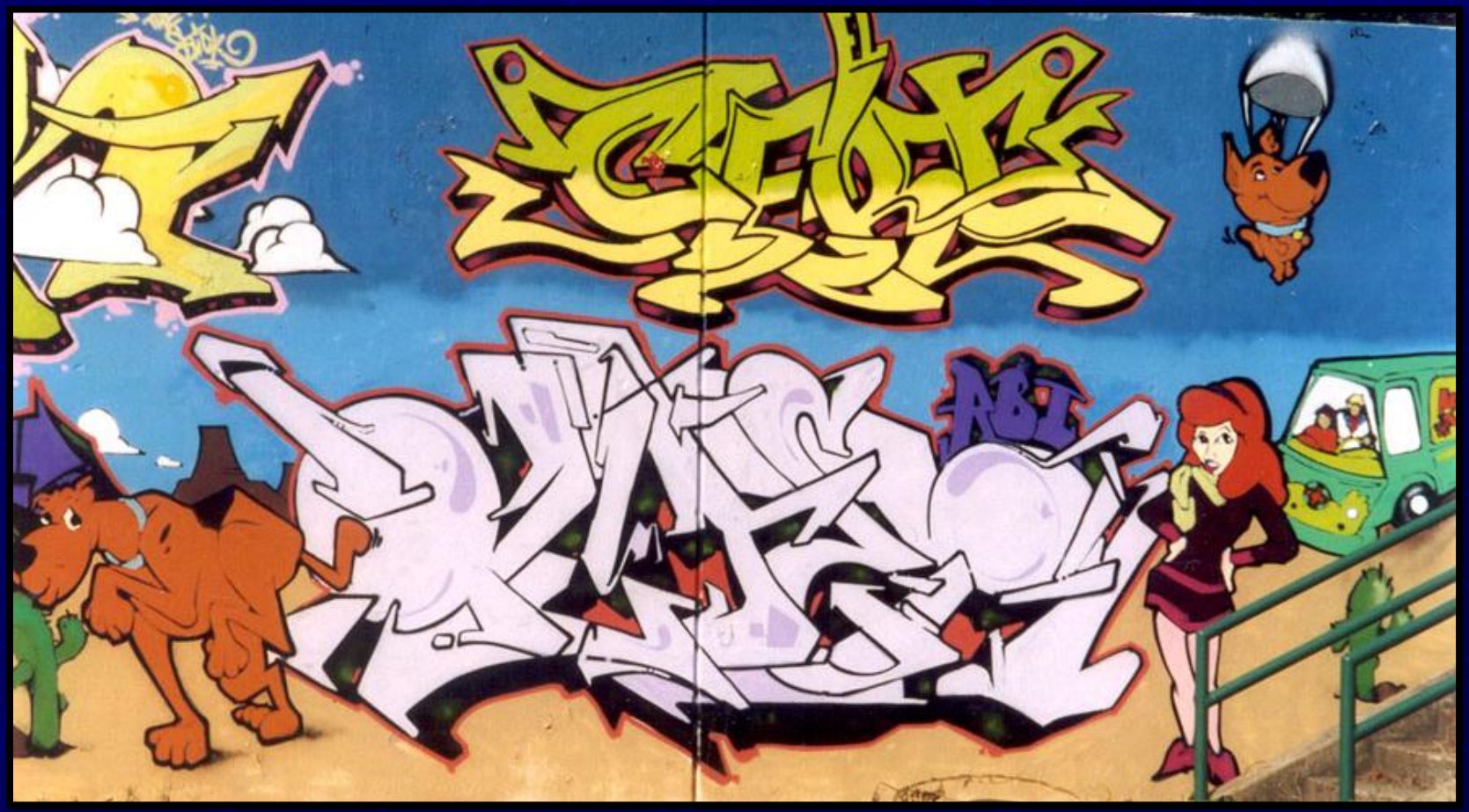
Tagger Graffiti
status motivated



US Graffiti Vandalism Today

"Piecer" graffiti

Planned aerosol art work, message or theme (5%)



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"Gang" graffiti

Street communications, marking "turf," sending messages (10%)



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"Tagger" graffiti

Initials of vandal's street name and/or initials of crew (80-85%)



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Planning the Response

- Be inclusive – Task Force approach
- Take time to identify and quantify problem
- Catalog current program & resources
- Set realistic goals
- Define changes needed and resource demands

Needs Analysis

- Matching existing law to comprehensive program needs
- Key subject matter
  - The Crime
  - Penalties
  - Abatement
  - New requirements (education, law enforcement, abatement)

Bringing It Together – Using IMLA as Guide



- Determine your authority to adopt IMLA Model language
- Create definitions – graffiti, graffiti implement, etc.
- Specify behaviors to be prohibited

Ordinance to Include

- Graffiti as crime
- Possession of implements – by minors, in designated areas
- Graffiti abatement responsibility and standards
- Due process for property owners
- Supply-side controls – no purchase by minors, prudent display standards
- Penalties for juvenile and adult graffiti crime

Updating the IMLA Model

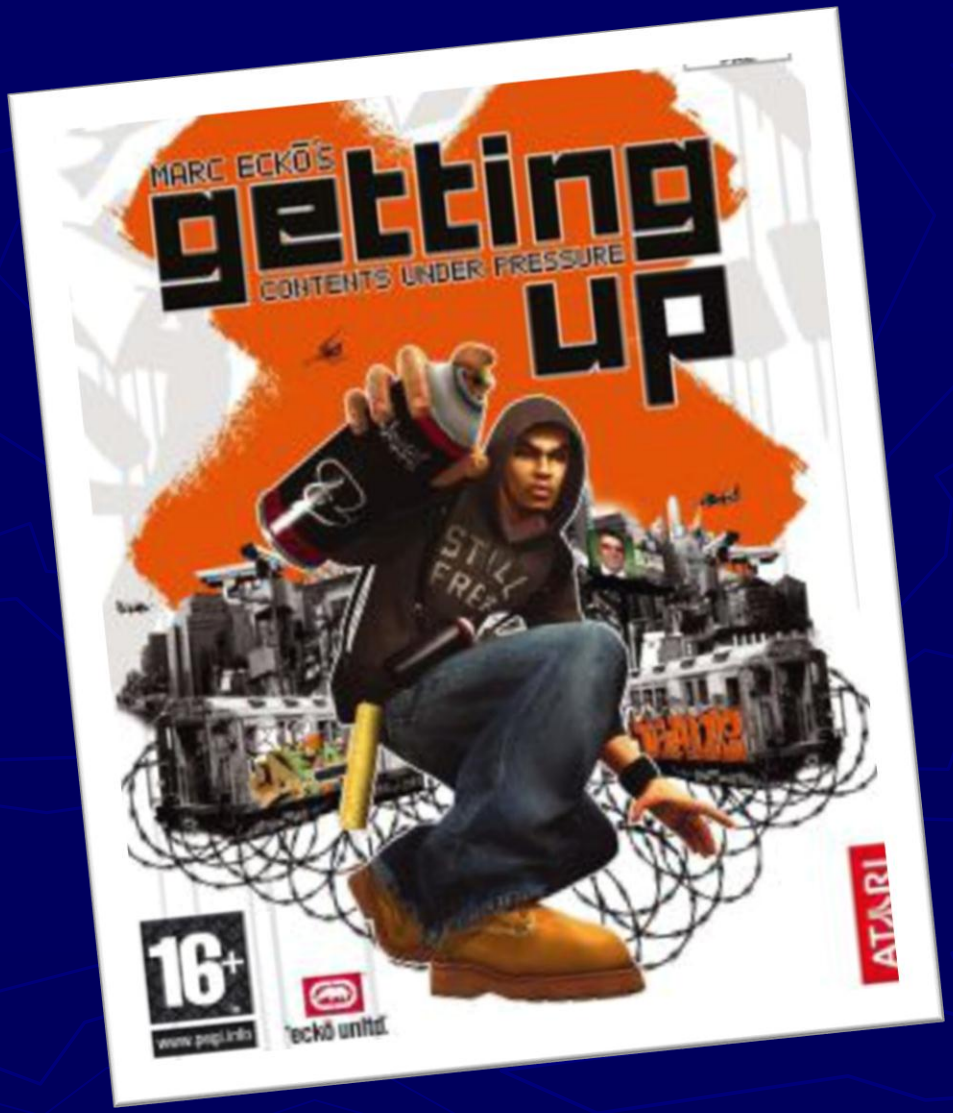


- Revisit penalties/ education
- Open plan to alternative sentencing – Youth/Teen Court
- Review supply-side controls in a computerized retail/Internet context
- Simplify and reduce cost of abatement process

Lessons & Cautions

- Resist the fervor to "just do something" –"Ready! Fire! Aim!
- Be prepared for interference from outside interests.
- Vincenty v. Bloomberg

Marc Ecko's Getting Up: Contents Under Pressure



GRAFFITI SURVEY FORM

Structure: (B=Bldg H=House G=Grates S=Store, etc.)

ADDRESS	STRUCTURE *=VACANT	PAINT REMOVAL (Colors/Gallons)		POWER WASH	RELEASE FORM	NUMBER OF PEOPLE

* **1gallon of paint covers 300 square feet.**
* **If the Graffiti Abatement Teams are to assist with power washing, you must have a signed District of Columbia Graffiti Removal Release Form.**
* **This survey form is to help you organize your clean-up. Please do not mail back to the District of Columbia.**

GRAFFITI REMOVAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM

I _____, am the owner of the property located at the following address: _____

As the owner of the property, I am not required to obtain anyone else's consent to permit work to be performed or to sign this form. I give permission to the District of Columbia and its agents to enter my property to remove or cover the graffiti using methods upon which the District of Columbia and its agents decide. I release and waive any and all claims of liability against the District of Columbia and its agents for any claims or damages related to the graffiti work performed on my property.

I understand that only the area covered by graffiti will be cleaned or painted and not the entire structure. I understand that there are no promises being made about the color or quality of the services or materials used in doing this graffiti work. I also understand that by signing this form, I give the District of Columbia and its agents permission to remove graffiti from my property but they are not obligated to do so. I also understand that if graffiti returns to my property during the time period checked below, the District of Columbia and its agents may also remove the graffiti, but they have no obligation to do so.

_____ _____

Property Owner Date

_____

Day Telephone No.

Duration of Consent:
6 months [ ] 1 year [ ]

Type of structure: apartment, house, fence, garage/door, building, walls, stucco walls, security grates, etc.

State color of paint or whether it will be power washed.

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OUTLINE

District of Columbia Pilot Neighborhood Graffiti Cleanup

Location: Ward 1 — Adams-Morgan Area.

Area: Approx, eight city blocks.

Graffiti Sites: 69, includes 15 added since original inventory.

Substrates: unsealed brick, painted brick, raw cement, painted cement, wood, metal, corrugated metal, stone.

Graffiti Types: spray paint, marker, paint stick, decal/sticker, poster.

Materials/Equipment Requirements: power washer - 2, vans or pickup trucks with driver - 3, paint - 56 gal., rollers - 100, roller covers - 100, roller extensions - 30, paint brushes - 100, roller pans - 100, roller pan covers - 100, scrapers - 40, solvent - 6 pt., drop cloths - 36, rags - 36 sm. bndls., trash bags - 100, hand cleaner -12 jars, first aid kits - 3, cell phones/radios - 10, drinking water - 1 gross (sm. btls.), preauthorized bathroom facilities - at least 6.

Estimated Permissions Required: 65

Estimated Three Person Teams Required: 7

Estimated Support Persons Required: 6

The above estimates are exclusive of power washer staffing requirements.

Process: **(1)** Supplies will be assembled and delivered to starting work sites at the beginning of the day; **(2)** volunteers will be grouped in cleanup teams at the assembly point; **(3)** each team leader will have or be given a cell phone/radio, and be provided a short list of numbers to call for water, first aid, supplies or site assistance; **(4)** each team leader will receive a set of 3"x5" cards in order of the team's route, identifying the sites to be cleaned or painted.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PAINT & SUPPLY VOUCHER APPLICATION

A. ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Organization's or Homeowner's Name_____
Contact Person_____ Date_____
Address_____ Zip Code_____
Phone Number (Home)_____(Work)_____
Ward_____ Police District (optional)_____

B. DATE OF CLEAN-UP _____

C. PAINT* AND SUPPLIES REQUESTED

Redwood	_____gal.	Brushes	_____	Miscellaneous_____
Gray	_____gal.	Roller Handles	_____	_____
Forest Green	_____gal.	Roller Covers	_____	_____
Cement	_____gal.	Paint Pans	_____	_____
White	_____gal.	Paint Pan Inserts	_____	_____
		Extension Poles	_____	_____
		Drop Cloths	_____	_____

*One gallon covers 300 square feet, which, for example, is equal to an area 15' x 20'.

D. PROPERTIES TO BE CLEANED (If more than 5 properties, list on back of application.)

Address	Paint/Color	Power Wash (Y/N)	Release Form (Y/N)
1)_____	_____	_____	_____
2)_____	_____	_____	_____
3)_____	_____	_____	_____
4)_____	_____	_____	_____
5)_____	_____	_____	_____

Please mail to:

Anti-Graffiti Program
Department of Public Works
Office of the Director - 6th Floor
2000 14th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

For more information, call the citywide Call Center at (202) 727-1000, weekdays between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. or the Department of Public Works at (202)671-0575.




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