



MEET THE ARTIST

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Joy is an illustrator and comic artist. Her work focuses on narrative, surreal themes, and humour paired with texture and a colour-outside-the lines feel of traditional children's book illustrations. She likes to use bright and spectacular colours and linework to their maximum potential, but also keeps her work simple and digestible to the eye.

Joy hopes that the murals can catch people's attention, pique curiosity as to their creation, and leave a lasting impression about our catchbasins, rivers, and streams.

WHAT DRAINS HERE GOES TO OUR HOMES

@ PARITY ROAD

This mural highlights the wildlife that reside in Brampton watersheds, particularly the endangered Redside Dace. This colourful minnow carries on its back a snapping turtle, and toad, and is surrounded by the Red-bellied snake which are all creatures that depend on this endangered species. With this first mural, Joy wants to talk about how these creatures have a symbiotic relationship, one that is



TAKE CARE OF OUR HOMES

@ FORESTGROVE CIRCLE

This mural shows children playing in the park which slowly transitions or reflects a catchbasin stream with little creatures playing too. The inspiration for this mural is the beautiful Brampton parks. Joy and her family spend a lot of time at parks and trails, which she takes care of, so she believes that this care and devotion should be extended to surrounding nature too. Little families that depend on healthy and clean rivers and streams have a right to enjoy their own watery parks and trails, but more importantly, both environments depend on one another the other, and in turn, so do their futures.

