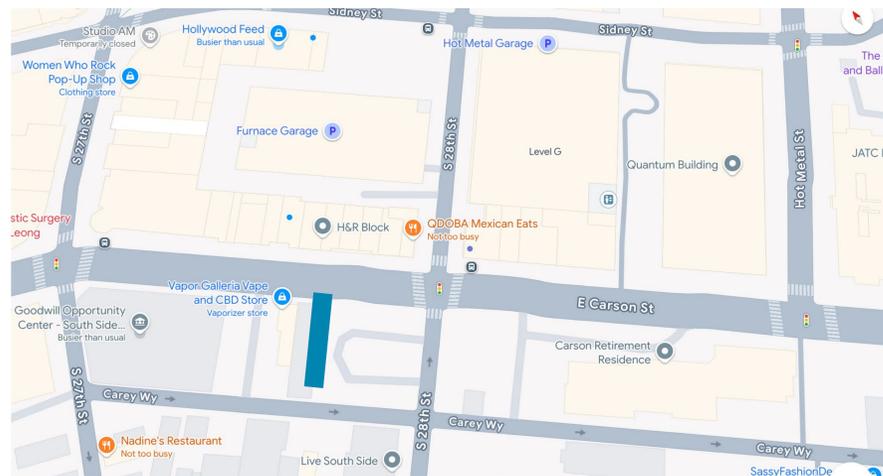


'LOVE YOUR WILD NEIGHBOR' MURAL ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION

For our Honors Public Art / Art in Public class, we were tasked with choosing a specific artistic work to research and analyze. I chose this mural due to my love for both painting and animals. I also frequently visit the South Side, so researching a monument I've seen many times is quite interesting. The cause of the Humane Action Pennsylvania nonprofit is very noble, and I personally agree with their cause. During my research, I learned about many inhumane methods many people deal with wild animals. There are many cruel methods of killing these unique animals due to the fact if they are caught in city limits they are required to be killed. Additionally, I also further discovered about why people view species like raccoons as disgusting and scary. Through the creation of the mural, I believe that HAP is successful in working to help wildlife.



View of South Side Pittsburgh, Google Maps, accessed March 26, 2025.



Jeremy Raymer, "Love Your Wild Neighbor" Information Plaque, 2024, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, photo taken by Aubrey Booth, February 8, 2025.



Jeremy Raymer, *Love Your Wild Neighbor*, 2024, Spray paint, 42' by 65', South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, photo taken by Aubrey Booth, February 8, 2025.

Goals of the Mural

- Reduce harmful stereotypes of 'pest' animals such as raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, and opossums
- Encourage more humane methods of conflict resolution with wildlife
- Advocate for the removal of trapping and inhumane euthanasia within city limits

Information about the Work

- Created by Jeremy Raymer, who was commissioned by the Humane Action Pennsylvania (HAP) nonprofit
- Used to promote their "Love Your Wild Neighbor" campaign
- HAP's mascot is a raccoon, which may be the reason the animal is featured in the work
- Primarily made using the medium of spray paint
- In total, it took Raymer over 120 hours
- Four stories tall with the dimensions of 42 by 65 feet

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