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Springfield's Second Annual UpStream Art Installation on August 11

Community members and the media are invited to attend the second annual UpStream Art event, where local artists will paint storm drain murals in downtown Springfield. Watch the artists paint from 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, August 11 near Fifth and "A" streets in downtown Springfield by Springfield City Hall, Springfield Justice Center, Sprout, and the Springfield Museum.

Last year's inaugural event resulted in five unique storm drain murals, which are still in place today and can be viewed downtown near City Hall. This year's murals will reflect the 2017 theme "Only Rain Down the Drain." Artists will use specialized street paint to create their designs around Springfield storm drains. The City of Springfield is hosting the UpStream Art installation event, with sponsorship from AARP. Jerry's Home Improvement Center is providing paint materials to support the effort. The event is free and family friendly.

The UpStream Art project raises awareness about the importance of protecting our rivers, stream habitat, and aquatic wildlife. Many people do not realize that pet waste, auto fluids, debris, and other pollutants left on the ground can get washed into storm drains and then flow untreated to local waterways. Additional information about UpStream Art is available at www.springfieldstreams.org.

This event is being held in conjunction with the Springfield Museum's History and Hops fundraiser. The fundraiser is 5 to 10 p.m. on August 11, at 590 Main Street. There will be local beer and food, live music, games and magic for kids, and more. Tickets and information are available at www.springfield-museum.com/history-hops/.