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Springfield's Third Annual UpStream Art Installation on August 25

Community members and the media are invited to attend the third annual UpStream Art event, where local artists will paint storm drain murals in Springfield. Five artists will be creating murals on the ground, and the community is invited to watch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 25 at the Booth-Kelly trailhead of the Mill Race path, 307 South Fifth Street in Springfield.

The UpStream Art projects over the past two years have resulted in eleven unique storm drain murals, which are still in place today and can be viewed around downtown Springfield. This year's murals will reflect the 2018 theme "It's All Connected." While in the past each artist has painted a mural on a different storm drain, this year's murals will all be part of a continuum of "flowing water" from a stormwater treatment area to the Mill Race. Artists will use specialized street paint to create their designs. 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. The City of Springfield is hosting the UpStream Art installation event, with sponsorship from Springfield Utility Board. Additional information about UpStream Art is available at www.springfieldstreams.org.