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**Media Opportunity:
Springfield's Second Annual UpStream Art
Installation Tomorrow**

What: The City of Springfield is holding its second annual UpStream Art event, where local artists will paint storm drain murals in downtown Springfield. The 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, making for a unique visual opportunity as the artwork comes to life. AARP is sponsoring this year's event.

Also happening in downtown Springfield from 5 to 10 p.m. on August 11 is the Springfield Museum's History and Hops fundraiser. 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/. Additionally, Springfield's Second Friday Art Walk takes place from 5 to 8 p.m.

When: 5 to 9 p.m., Friday, August 11

Where: Downtown Springfield near Fifth and "A" streets, by Springfield City Hall, Springfield Justice Center, Sprout, and the Springfield Museum.

Who: Members of the media and the community are invited to watch as six local artists create storm drain murals. Artists and City of Springfield staff will be available for interviews from 5 to 7 p.m.

UpStream Art Background

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. Last year's inaugural event resulted in five unique storm drain murals, which are still in place downtown today. Additional information about UpStream Art is available at www.springfieldstreams.org.