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Calling Artists for Springfield's Third Annual UpStream Art Installation

Local artists in the Eugene-Springfield area are invited to apply to UpStream Art, where murals will be painted on the ground at the Mill Race trailhead to convey a visual message about everyone's role in helping to protect our waterways. Artists have until 5 p.m., Monday, May 21 to submit an application and design. Application instructions can be found at www.springfieldstreams.org.

Artists are encouraged to create unique designs that speak to this year's theme: "It's All Connected." While in previous years separate murals were painted on several different storm drains, this year the murals will 'flow' from one to another toward a vegetated stormwater treatment area. There are spaces for up to ten murals, and artists will be compensated for their artwork. The murals will be installed in August at the Booth-Kelly trailhead of the Mill Race path in Springfield. Springfield Utility Board (SUB) is a sponsor of the event.

"This year instead of painting individual storm drains, the artists will be painting side by side creating a trail from the trailhead parking lot's stormwater facility to the Mill Race. We want to remind people visually of where our rainwater goes," said Kathryn Rifenburg, Environmental Services technician with the City of Springfield.

Additional information about UpStream Art, including photos and locations of storm drain murals in downtown Springfield, is available at www.springfieldstreams.org.

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