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The Future is in the Margins

Public Art Installation

Dedication Ceremony and Habitat Restoration Project Tour

NORFOLK, VA – Norfolk Arts and the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation are pleased to present Norfolk’s newest work of public art, *The Future is in the Margins*, by artist Deedee Morrison at the Larchmont Library Trailhead! Morrison is a South Carolina-based artist known for transforming industrial materials into organically inspired sculptures. This large-scale, three-part sculpture is fabricated in cast resin and stainless steel. It encapsulates the majesty and ecological history of the 64,000-acre Elizabeth River watershed and coastal ecosystem. It provides a poignant visual link between our natural and built environments.

The artwork will be installed on existing concrete pedestals starting Thursday, October 22. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2020, 10am on the Elizabeth River Trail behind the Larchmont Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. in Norfolk, VA. Join us in person or tune in via Facebook Live. Special guests include City of Norfolk Councilwoman Courtney Doyle Norfolk Public Art Commissioner Peter Eudenbach and the artist Deedee Morrison. Following the ceremony stay for a free educational tour of the Elizabeth River Project's habitat restoration project at the library and join a bike tour of native waterfront plants with Master Gardner Jim Affeldt.

The Elizabeth River Trail is 10.5 miles that connects businesses, historic attractions and 28 neighborhoods within a five-minute walk. The multi-use trail is designed for walking, running, and biking. In 2018, the ERT Foundation launched a \$4 million comprehensive capital campaign to raise funds to activate and enhance the 10.5-mile trail. For more information, visit www.elizabethrivertrail.org.

Norfolk Arts is the City of Norfolk’s art program which manages the public art program, the Arts & Humanities Commission, and the Offsite Gallery. For mor information visit www.norfolkarts.net.

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The event is free and open to the public.

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