



Twin Cities 5 Star Urban Waters Restoration Project Selects Jeanette Papenfuss as their artist.

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The project is focused on education and the clean up of the Mississippi River. The intention is to collect trash and debris from the river, which the artist will then use to create a sculpture.

The sculpture “River Prism”, by Jeanette Papenfuss who is affiliated with ARTSTART, was designed not only to inform and reflect on the ongoing problem of pollution in our water systems, but also to tell a narrative of our great Mississippi River. It will be 15 feet tall and have three sides forming a monolithic prism. Crowning the top of the sculpture will be plexiglass panels engraved with moving water patterns and backlit by solar lights, giving the structure a beacon reference.

All the images will be mosaics constructed of trash collected from the Mississippi. There are inserts between the image panels that hold examples of the variety of trash collected, housed behind panels of plexiglass.

One side of the sculpture will be a map showing the entire waterway of the Mississippi River. The map will illustrate the scope of the Mississippi and its tributaries demonstrating to viewers the potential for trash reaching our greater oceans.

On another side there will be images of the diverse bird species that use the Mississippi as a flyaway. This illustrates just one group of animals that relies on the Mississippi River for food, water and shelter.

The last side of the sculpture will address what we can do to change the future of the health and preservation of not only the Mississippi River, but also all the waters of our world.

Contact MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge for dates on river clean ups and public sculpture assembly day. The River Prism sculpture will be unveiled in November 2019, to be announced.

