



## PAINT OUT POLLUTION

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### **Hopewell partners with the James River Association and Art on Wheels to “Paint Out Pollution”**

Hopewell, VA – The City of Hopewell is partnering with the James River Association and Art on Wheels to launch Paint Out Pollution in Hopewell Saturday, July 29, 2017. The community event that will feature the installation of art on 18 storm drains in the downtown area beginning Saturday morning.

Paint Out Pollution is a project that was conceived to increase awareness of stormwater pollution and celebrate the native flora and fauna that call the James River home. Stormwater or rainwater that runs off impervious surfaces such as streets and parking lots represents the fastest growing source of pollution in the James River.

“The James River Association is excited to launch the Paint Out Pollution project in partnership with Art on Wheels and the City of Hopewell,” said Justin Doyle of the James River Association. “Paint Out Pollution is a fun and meaningful way to raise awareness of stormwater pollution in communities along the James River.”

Local artists Genesis Chapman, Aijung Kim, Amelia Blair Langford, Kevin Orlosky, and Jennifer Thompson created stencils of native local wildlife including the Belted Kingfisher, Atlantic Sturgeon, Bald Eagle, Eastern Painted Turtle, Dragonfly, Mallard, Blue Crab, Osprey and Catfish, to be painted on storm drains. Volunteers will use the stencils to install art on storm drains Saturday.

Volunteers are being recruited to install art on storm drains Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register for the event by visiting <https://www.handsonva.org/calendar> and clicking on the July 29<sup>th</sup> Paint Out Pollution event. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Creative Friends Arts Center located at 206 Appomattox Street at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Water and snacks will be provided to volunteers during the event.

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