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MOBBLY BAYOU WILDERNESS PRESERVE GETS ARTISTIC FACELIFT

Safety Harbor, FL – The Outdoor Arts Foundation announced today that it has started Phase II of its artistic beautification program for the Mobbly Bayou Wilderness Preserve in Oldsmar. The project was facilitated through a grant from the Oldsmar Cultural Arts Foundation and is the continuation of a joint effort between the City of Oldsmar and the Outdoor Arts Foundation to beautify the four dormant sewage treatment tanks that are part of the 219 acre public park.

Phase I of the beautification project was completed earlier this year when renowned Tampa muralist Carl Cowden and his assistant, Mike Massaro covered the largest of the four tanks with a mural featuring a scene that mirrored the park and its indigenous plant and animal life. In addition to being a beautiful work of art, the tank is also being used as a lookout tower, where visitors can view the park from the top of the 22 foot tall structure.

Phase II of the project will involve Cowden, Massaro and Tampa artist, Kendra Frorup painting the three remaining tanks in the park. The artists will stick with the theme of using indigenous plant and wildlife as inspiration for realistic, nature-themed murals. The second largest tank in the complex, currently being used as the entrance to the lookout tower, will feature a scene similar to the first tank only with a perspective of the park at sunset.

The two remaining tanks will be painted with close up views of animals indigenous to the park such as Ospreys, Grackles, Frogs, Butterflies, Dragonflies, Squirrels, Raccoons and Alligators. Cowden and his team plan to work with children throughout the project; and, hope that when finished, the murals are as much a reminder about the delicate wildlife that inhabits the park.

The artists started painting on Monday, July 18th and hope to finish by Friday, August 19th. When completed, this will be the largest endeavor of its kind in the Tampa Bay area. The Outdoor Arts Foundation has high hopes that other cities will follow Oldsmar's lead by working to turn dormant eyesores into beautiful works of art.

For more details regarding the artistic tanks or the Outdoor Arts Foundation and its community arts initiatives, please visit the Foundation's website at www.outdoorartsfoundation.com. The Outdoor Arts Foundation is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization dedicated to beautifying the Tampa Bay Area through creative artistic endeavors.

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