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ICSD, city team up to create Commons mural

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Students and teachers from the Ithaca City School District and city employees have collaborated to create a new art installation to be unveiled Friday in the Green Street Garage alley.

The Watershed Wall will be a permanent addition to the public art on The Commons.

ICSD students created the clay mural based on a design by their art teachers, and it was assembled with the assistance of artist Annemarie Zwack.

The 55-foot mural is an organic rendering of Ithaca's creeks feeding Cayuga Lake. Made from earth-toned clay tiles to represent the land and local lake stones to represent the water, the materials are intended to echo the natural beauty of the area, according to the Fine Arts Booster Group, an affiliate of the Ithaca Public Education Initiative, which coordinated the project.

The unveiling will take place at 4:30 p.m. Friday, along the pedestrian walkway leading to The Commons at the back of the Green Street Garage. A Gallery Night reception follows the unveiling.

Aid for the project was contributed by lead volunteer Candace Shoemaker with support from the City of Ithaca Department of Public Works and Public Art Commission; Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI); the Service League; Tompkins Trust Company; Tim Merrick Construction; Finger Lakes Fabricating; All Stone and Tile; Cayuga Lumber; Cayuga Floating Classroom; and the Strelbel Community Enrichment Fund of the Community Foundation of Tompkins County.



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Michael Inman, left, and Jeff Conrad of Finger Lakes Fabricating work to mount the Watershed Wall clay tile mural on the north wall of the Green Street Parking Garage in Ithaca last week. The mural, a collaborative design by Ithaca City School District art teachers and executed by students, teachers and volunteers with assistance from artist Annemarie Zwack, will be unveiled Friday June 4th at 4:30 p.m. The mural is located next to the walkway between the garage and the back of the buildings facing The Commons. (SIMON WHEELER / Staff Photo)

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