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For Immediate Release
Let the Fish Swim Free Painting Fundraiser and Art Exhibit

The *Let the Fish Swim Free* Painting fundraiser will benefit the development of the new Norton Park on Westchester Road/Rte. 149. This fundraiser celebrates the dam removal on the Jeremy River at the former C.H. Norton Paper Mill and future site of Norton Park. The dam removal opened up over 17 miles of high-quality upstream habitat for resident and migratory fish to swim up and downstream freely.

Local fine artist and Norton family member, Julianna W. Cameron, will lead the design and painting events where participants will be encouraged to creatively their paint fish cut from authentic C.H. Norton paper mill board. The participants may choose to have their painted fish be part of an art exhibit to be held at the Cragin Memorial Library May 21 – June 30, 2022. There are three different fish to paint: Salmon (28"x9") - \$30.00, Trout (23"x6") - \$20.00 and Alewife (12"x6") - \$10.00.

Multiple sessions of this painting fundraiser will be held at the Colchester RecPlex Pavilion, 215 Old Hebron Road Colchester on two dates – Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and Saturday May 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Online registration is through Colchester Parks and Recreation <https://colchesterctrec.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

For more information about the development of the 6.4-acre riverside Norton Park, including the proposed park phases and video presentations, go to: <https://www.colchesterct.gov/norton-park-committee>. Fundraising for engraved commemorative bricks and granite capstones is still underway with an order form available at: https://www.colchesterct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif4286/f/uploads/norton_park_web_080421.pdf. If you have a question or comment about the development of Norton Park, you may send by email to nortonpark@colchesterct.gov.