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# 2 art pieces planned along Fox River Trail

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Two pieces of art, both made of steel, have been commissioned for installation along the Fox River Trail.

The Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council last week commissioned Green Bay sculptor Carrie Fonder and Bounnak Thammavong of Cedar Falls, Iowa, to create the first two pieces of its public art installation, RiverWalk Project — Life of the River.

The council, in cooperation with the Northeastern Wisconsin Arts Council, aims to have the art pieces installed in time for a July 4 unveiling.

Fonder is an art teacher with the Green Bay School District and owner of Raw Materials. She is a 1991 graduate of Green Bay East High School.

Thammavong emigrated from Laos to the United States at age 3 and settled in Cedar Falls in 1992. He continues to live there, working at the University of Northern Iowa as a shop technician and adjunct instructor ([www .uni.edu](http://www.uni.edu)).

These are the first installations in a three-year project that seeks to put pieces of public art along the stretch of riverfront

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between the Walnut Street and Don A. Tilleman bridges. The pieces will be funded through dollars privately raised by the neighborhood council.

The city's Park Committee and City Council approved the project in 2006 giving the neighborhood council final say over the art selected for the locations.

The Mayor's Neighborhood Leadership Council is made up of the presidents of Green Bay's 16 neighborhood associations and other neighborhood activists. The group aims to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods throughout the City of Green Bay by empowering citizens working through their neighborhood associations.

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