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# Public art finds a natural partner: Tifft Preserve

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There's a new public art project in a historic section of Buffalo's Waterfront: the Tifft Farm Nature Preserve. Rochester artist Roberley Bell's sculpture and site-specific artwork is buried deep in the preserve's woods.



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*WBFO's Mike Desmond reports.*

The work includes painted deer and painted birds on bright metal frames and a brightly painted structure that protect newly-planted trees from the deer and beaver.

Tifft Farm, the Museum of Science and the Albright Knox Art Gallery collaborated on the project.



"I am looking forward to this installation exposing Tifft to a whole new audience who may not know about us, who may not have come out for a visit," said Marisa Wigglesworth, the museum's President and CEO.

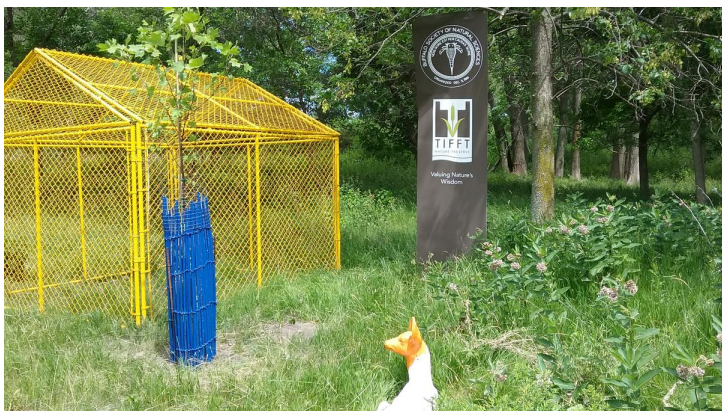
"Hopefully it'll encourage folks to come out for a walk in the woods."

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Artist Roberley Bell's work can be found throughout the Tifft Nature Preserve.

While the artwork adds to a landscape heavy with willow and cottonwood trees, officials used the project to highlight some new

additions. Ecologist David Spiering says 2,100 trees have been planted.



"Every single one was protected from the deer," Spiering explained.

"And, when these cages like the painted cage there, when that tree gets larger, we will protect it with a slightly different tube and then at some point they actually grow tall enough they can fend for themselves."

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