Public Art at Lake Cook

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Lake Cook is located on Eisenhower Avenue adjacent to Cameron Run Regional Park and is currently used for storm water management and as an urban fishing location.
The lake plays a role in holding storm water before it is released into Cameron Run which prevents flooding and it helps to filter the water before it drains to the river. The Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) is also replanting the area with vegetation that will improve water filtration.
OEQ is also making improvements that will upgrade the lake’s recreational use with trails that loop the lake and a pedestrian bridge for fishing.
Artist David Hess has been commissioned by the City of Alexandria Office of the Arts to design public art as part of the retrofit project.
According to the artist the public art represents “the circuitous networks of water and communicative relationships between people, animals, and places. Lake Cook serves as a microcosm for the role of water in the region and the importance of maintaining healthy, vibrant ecosystems. Lakes and tributaries appear similar to the vast network of siphons, tanks, and pipes that distribute water throughout the City of Alexandria.”
The artwork will be located on the island separating Strawberry Run and Lake Cook. It will be an interactive artwork that will capture and carry the sound created by the surrounding environment.
Technical Details:
- Two hollow 316-stainless steel cones 48 inches in diameter and 54 inches tall
- Connected by curving 316-stainless steel pipe 5-1/2 inches in diameter
- Height: 9-1/2 feet
- Length (total): 46 feet
Thank you for your interest in public art at Lake Cook!

Please share your input via our survey found at www.alexandriava.gov/publicart

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Jimena Larson at jimena.larson@alexandriava.gov

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