

MARE LIBERUM PRESENTS: IN WHICH WE DRAW A PEOPLE'S MAP OF THE DON RIVER

DON RIVER RADIO- LISTENING SITES ALONG THE DON



Mare Liberum's "In Which We Draw a People's Map of the Don River" is a temporary public artwork that features provocations, workshops, gatherings, readings, and public actions along the site of Toronto's Don River (*wonscotonach* in Anishinaabemowin). Over two years (2020-2022) and continuing as a podcast in 2023, the project aimed to bring local stakeholders, artists, policymakers, and other community members to collaborate on imagining the future uses and challenges for the site.

As the Don River's boundaries are remade, this project invites us to ponder, "what do we remember of the river?" and "what will the river remember of us?" Engaging with histories of the site, including Indigenous perspectives, and speculating against the backdrop of the work of creating a new park and system of islands and wetlands through landfill and "reclamations" in Lake Ontario, we wondered how grappling with stories of extraction, colonial exploitation of the land, and the legacies of toxic industries might open a way for a future that is oriented around care, collaboration, and balance?

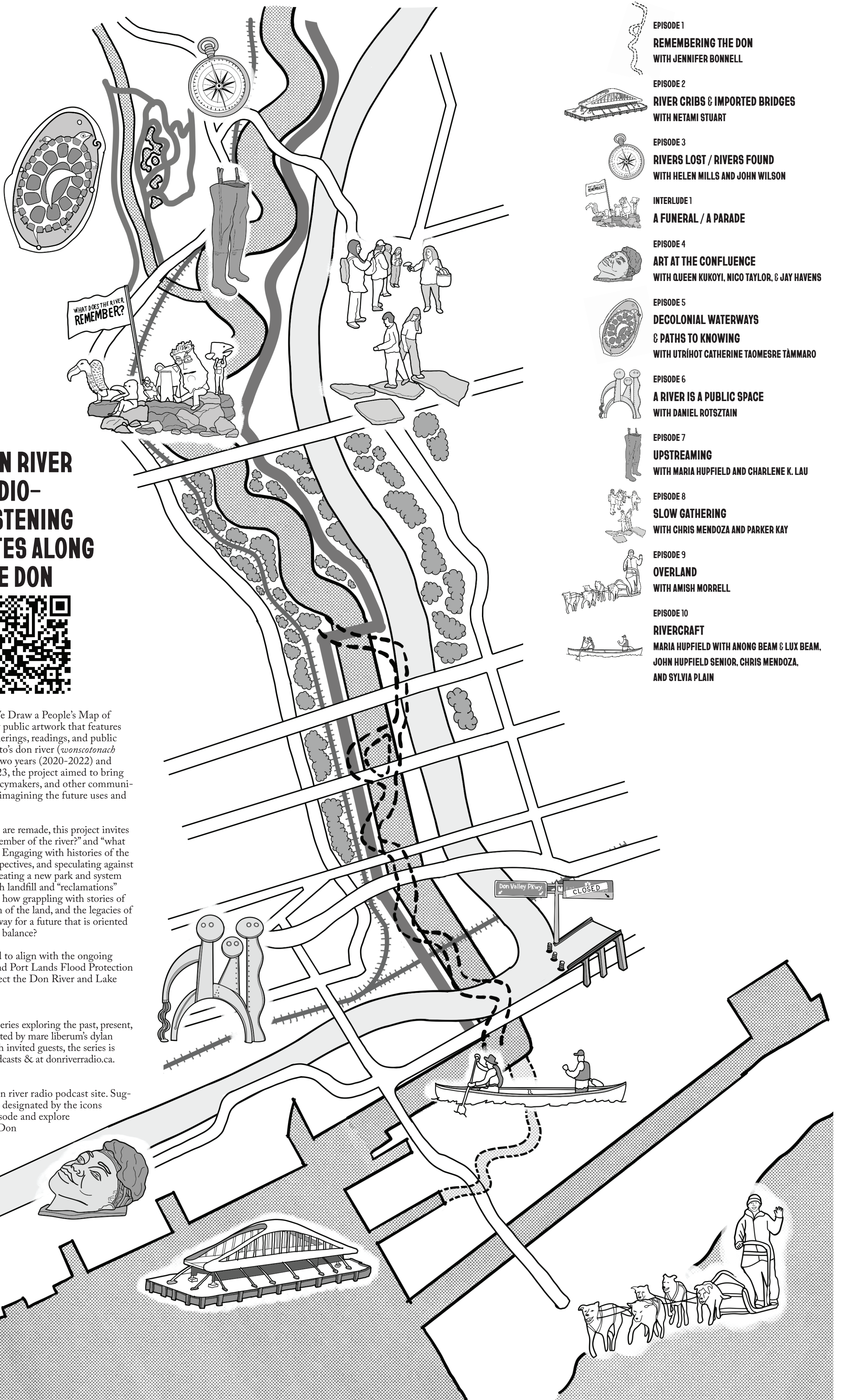
The project was commissioned to align with the ongoing Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project, which aims to reconnect the Don River and Lake Ontario.

ABOUT DON RIVER RADIO

Don River Radio is a podcast series exploring the past, present, and future of the Don River. Hosted by Mare Liberum's Dylan Gauthier and Sunita Prasad, with invited guests, the series is available wherever you find podcasts & at donriverradio.ca.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use the QR code to visit the Don River Radio podcast site. Suggested listening itineraries are designated by the icons on the map. Download an episode and explore the sounds and stories of the Don River as you meander along this historic watercourse.



EPISODE 1

REMEMBERING THE DON
WITH JENNIFER BONNELL

EPISODE 2

RIVER CRIBS & IMPORTED BRIDGES
WITH NETAMI STUART

EPISODE 3

RIVERS LOST / RIVERS FOUND
WITH HELEN MILLS AND JOHN WILSON

INTERLUDE 1

A FUNERAL / A PARADE

EPISODE 4

ART AT THE CONFLUENCE
WITH QUEEN KUKOYI, NICO TAYLOR, & JAY HAVENS

EPISODE 5

**DECOLONIAL WATERWAYS
& PATHS TO KNOWING**
WITH UTRÍHOT CATHERINE TAOMESRE TÁMMARO

EPISODE 6

A RIVER IS A PUBLIC SPACE
WITH DANIEL ROTSZTAIN

EPISODE 7

UPSTREAMING
WITH MARIA HUPFIELD AND CHARLENE K. LAU

EPISODE 8

SLOW GATHERING
WITH CHRIS MENDOZA AND PARKER KAY

EPISODE 9

OVERLAND
WITH AMISH MORRELL

EPISODE 10

RIVERCRAFT
MARIA HUPFIELD WITH ANONG BEAM & LUX BEAM,
JOHN HUPFIELD SENIOR, CHRIS MENDOZA,
AND SYLVIA PLAIN

A PROJECT BY MARE LIBERUM

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