



AQUIFER

Masayuki Nagase

DATE

Artist commissioned March 2006

Work installed August 2010

LOCATION

Along S. Kings Drive, between Pearl Park Way and E. Morehead St., Charlotte, NC

DESCRIPTION

This series of artworks is meant to bring awareness to the regional natural environment as one travels along the greenway. Surrounding two plazas are mosaics of stream-rounded pebbles and stone medallions with abstract images of native plants and animals around the themes of water and nature.

The artist's work continues with groupings of sculpted boulders and benches. The benches are carved with the theme of water. The boulders are carved with relief patterns of aquifers and bedrock, water forms found below the surface. These suggest a body of water that exists but is normally invisible to us. The work showcases the contrast between the natural textures of the stone and the intentional, hand-carved textures. Stone chosen for the art complements the stone in the overall stream restoration and greenway project. Each work provides a different opportunity for reflection.

SELECTION PANEL

Dawn Blobaum, Public Art Commission; Julie Clark, Mecklenburg County Park & Rec.; Jerri Haigler, Central Piedmont Community College; Scott McClure, Mecklenburg County Park & Rec. Commission; Don Morgan, Mecklenburg County Park & Rec; Beth Poovey, RLA, LandDesign

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