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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