Cache La Poudre River Downtown Public Art Tour

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The Water We Share 222 Laporte Ave

The Water We Share is the two-story column adjacent to main entrance. This artwork highlights the Cache la Poudre River watershed. A series of Colorado buff sandstone panels are split vertically by the path and topography of the river. The imagery represents a section of the Cache la Poudre just to the west of town. On the western face, carvings trace the journey of water from snow melt to runoff and river. On the eastern face, patterns of land use speak to the human uses of water. At night, the thread of the river is illuminated by LED lighting.







Conveyance Willow Street between Linden and Northside Aztlan Community Center 2019

The Willow streetscape takes the form of three waysides that explore the ways that Cache la Poudre River water is conveyed from the mountain top into the lives of the citizens of Fort Collins. Visitors explore the nature of the river through a series of three interactive stops illustrating a canyon, a mill race, and pipes. A haiku accompanies each wayside to illuminate the unseen and sometimes underappreciated miracle of water in our lives.



In Praise of the Poudre Willow and Linden Sts. 2020

Four undulating granite columns feature relief carvings of the plants, animals, insects and landforms found around, within, and below the Cache la Poudre River. This work celebrates the elements of a healthy river ecosystem and educates visitors about water quality and natural water systems in Fort Collins. In addition to the relief imagery depicting riparian ecology and geology, each stone column has an illuminated surface that evokes reflections on the surface of water.

The four sculptural columns range in height from 8' to 15' and are carved from Carnelian granite, a beautiful red-toned stone. For each stone column, the artists hand carved and removed almost half the original weight to create the beautiful undulating forms, which echo the many rhythms and textures of the Cache la Poudre River.









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