



Betsy Damon, "The Living Water Garden", Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China, 1999. Young park visitors play on the flow forms, sculptures that aerate the water before it enters the constructed wetlands.

Betsy Damon

Environmental art pioneer, Betsy Damon, creates large-scale art parks featuring sculptural flow forms and public art events to help clean urban waterways and raise water awareness around the globe. Her nonprofit organization, Keepers of the Waters, provides information and technical support for others working with similar design principles and processes.

"The Living Water Garden", (1998), is a large-scale, award-winning public park in the center of downtown Chengdu, China. "Polluted river water moves through a natural, and artistic treatment system of ponds, filters and flowforms, making the process of cleaning water visible." Sculpted black marble and cement flow form pools throughout the park aid in water purification through the rhythmic oscillation of water currents as they pass from one pool to another.

Another project, the da Vinci Water Garden (2003) was a community based collaboration between Urban Water Works and da Vinci Arts Middle School in Portland, OR. Located on an abandoned tennis court, it redirects stormwater from rooftops and a parking lot through an educational and artistic water garden.

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