STREAM STREAM / LINES Indianapolis / City as Living Laboratory

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The line of Science

Science topics and site narratives are being collaboratively developed with artists and scientists. Through multiple site visits and research the team narrowed the water-related science themes and associated salient keywords for each site. The themes contain specific scientific aspects of interest in the urban water system but broad enough to include numerous subdisciplinary elements. The reoccurring keywords serve as the simplified structure for connecting the sites and weaving the



The line of Art

The conceptual framework was inspired by and evolved from the Muir web that illustrates the intricate network through which we are connected. The project icon of a splayed star pattern demonstrates the multiple ways STREAM / LINES is intended to operate. At its most basic conceptual level, the icon represents multiple paths of content exploration radiating out from the core science theme at each site. Visitors will be encouraged to freely explore these subtopics in physical space as the site configuration will further suggest how the topics are relateded.

story of water throughout Indianapolis.

The Lines of Art Framework





The Lines of Science Framework



Tactics at Each Site

Kinesthetic Experience of Place

- walking/moving,
- guided viewing at specific points
- the search or treasure hunt

Confluence at Each Site



Art Works
- Visual Art
- Dance
- Music
- Poetry

Virtual





The Lines of Science and Art Content Diagram

The senses of the site

- sight focus on unnoticeable things
- sound introduce new sounds, stories, or voices
- touch allow an intimacy
- smell find the differences

Metric / Equivalencies

- human scale references to flows & consumption
- volume of flow
- miles of pipe
- distance travelled

Minimal intervention in the existing landscape

- build on what is already present



Tactics & Confluence at Each Site

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STREAM / LINES is a city wide informal science learning initiative to engage the citizens of Indianapolis with the ways the White River and its tributaries support their lives. Six communities along six major waterways have been selected as focal sites for this project. These communities represent a diverse demographic in Indianapolis. Evolving from the 2011 installation FLOW (Can You See the River?) and other precedent projects in the city, a community network built on a collective impact framework was formed. This network, Reconnecting to Our Waterways (ROW), relied on neighborhood plans, local leadership, and expressed desires of the neighborhood residents to the six locations.

the public. It envisions the city as a laboratory where collaborations amongst artists, scientists, communities and policy makers can make a city's pressing issues apparent to its citizens though place-based projects and events. For STREAM / LINES, four different art forms (visual, music, poetry, and dance) are combined with relevant science content about the watershed to create informal learning sites in the city.

The intention is to give communities adjacent to each of the sites a better sense of how their daily lives are connected to the river systems and how extensively the waterways connect their daily activities. The goal is to create curiosity at one site that will translate

