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Bounded by Metro Hall and Roy
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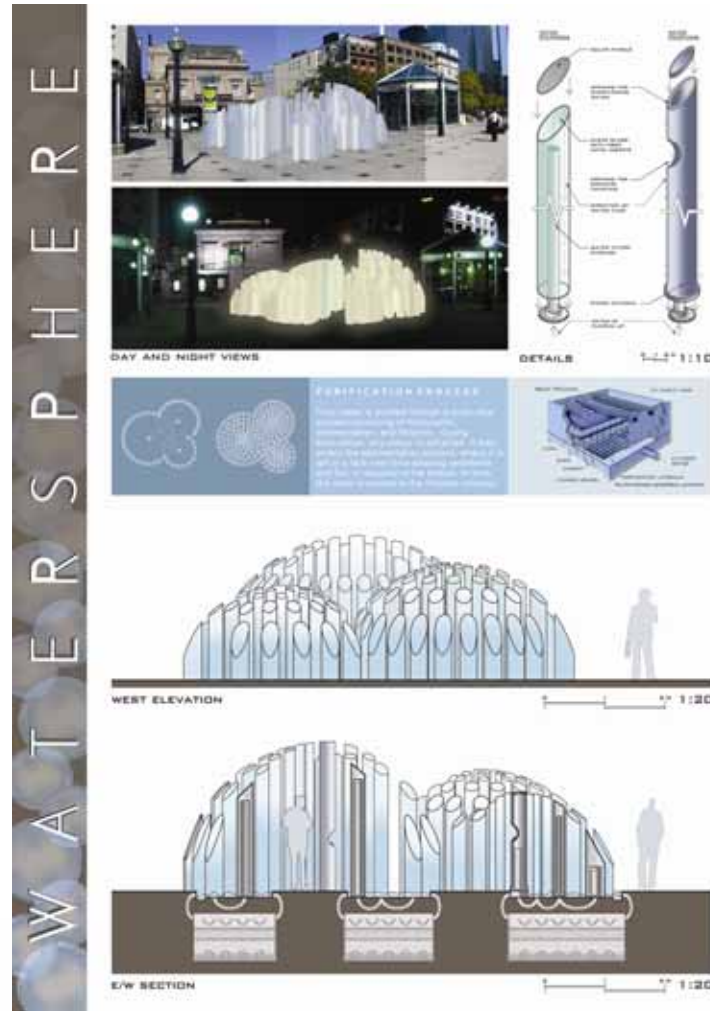
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The objective of this project is to provide public water stations that would display, celebrate, and store grey water by using a new technology to dispense purified water for public consumption. The urban plaza on King Street West has been identified to test this new public water station. The plaza is located between Roy Thomson Hall and Metro Hall. It is an active place for office workers, tourists, and theatre goers. The open space is used heavily year round and is particularly active during lunch hours. The Watersphere celebrates this revelation by using organic bubble shapes as its structural form. The dark slate paths and water fountains are oriented according to the main circulation on site. The bubbles generate the feeling of comfort often associated with nostalgic childhood memories. The water station intends to achieve the same feeling; its harmless interactive design engages viewers with the three steps purification process.



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