

Oak Street Stormwater Improvement Project

Artist's renderings of three sculptures to be installed along Oak Street.



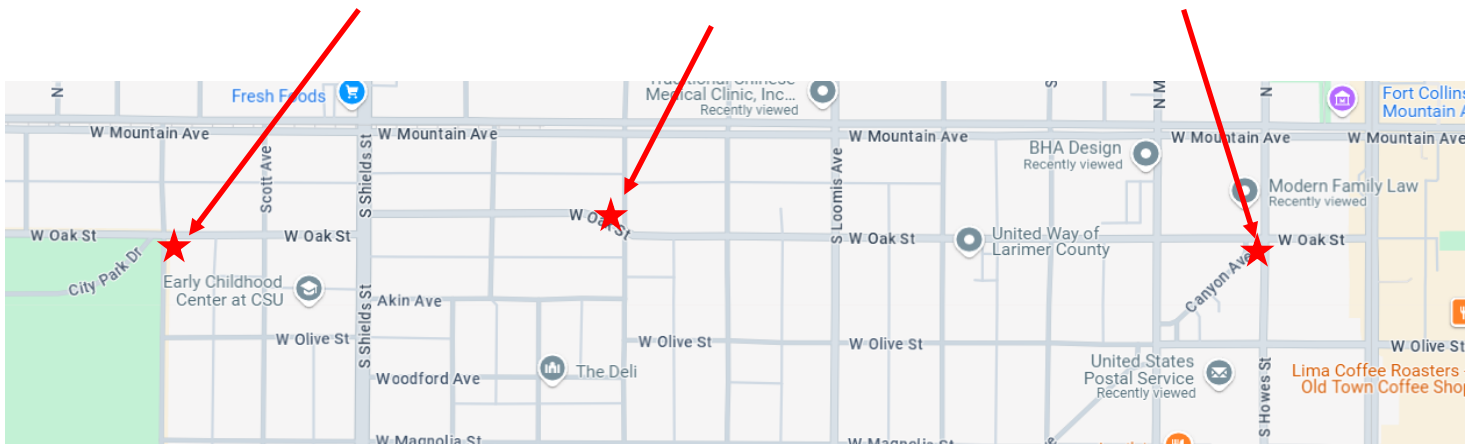
SEED PODS (~ 6.5')



VORTEX (~ 8')



RAIN DROP (~ 12')



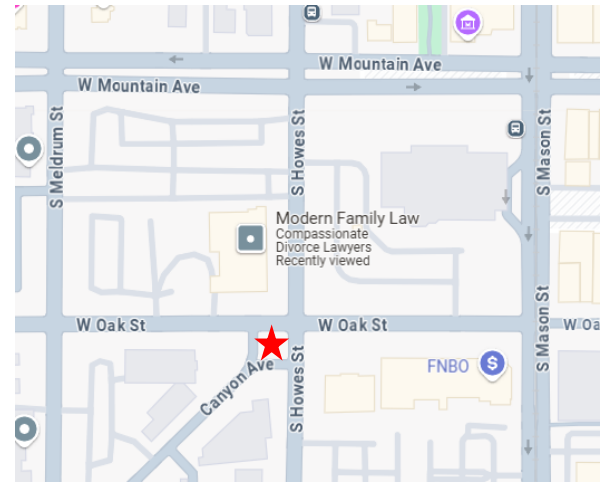
As part of the City's Oak Street Stormwater Improvement Project, Art in Public Places worked with the Project Team and St. Petersburg, Florida, artist Mark Aeling to design art for the site.

The project proposes 3 sculptures to be placed along Oak St. at the intersections with Howes St., Washington Ave. and Jackson Ave. The series of sculptures is intended to create a visual narrative to inform viewers of the purpose of the capital project that will better control stormwater and its impact on public and private property. This narrative begins at the Howes St. intersection with Oak St., which is the eastern most location and closest to downtown. This location is close to the urban center of town and will have the largest sculpture.

Each of the sculptures will be placed in a rain garden. Rain gardens help manage stormwater runoff, prevent erosion, and provide habitat for local wildlife.

RAIN DROP

Rain Drop depicts a larger-than-life stainless steel drop of water splashing into a Corten steel puddle of mud. This is the beginning of the natural process of precipitation that the Stormwater project is designed to direct and divert through the science of engineering. The proposed location is on the SW corner of Oak St. and Howes St. The sculpture will be illuminated from within.



Proposed location of *Rain Drop*.

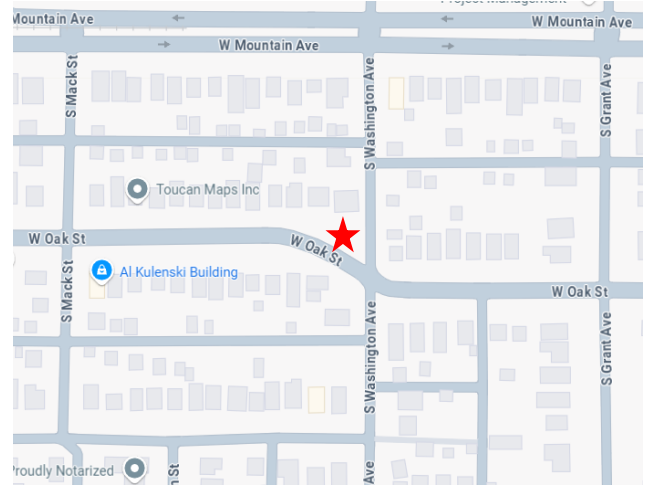


Renderings of *Rain Drop* by artist Mark Aeling on the SW Corner of W. Oak St. and South Howes St..



VORTEX

Vortex, the second sculpture proposed for the NW corner of Washington Ave. and Oak St., depicts a stainless steel water vortex that is channeled through a Corten steel cylinder. In effect, by channeling the potentially destructive energy of this natural resource it can be neutralized.



Proposed location of *Vortex*.

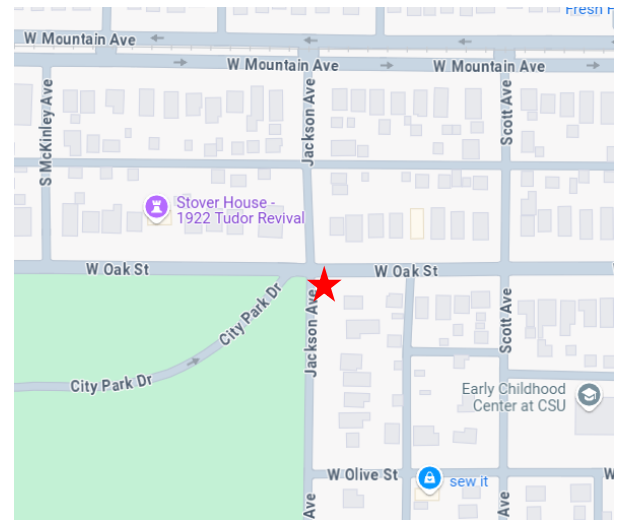


Renderings of *Vortex* on the NW corner of Oak St. and Washington Ave.



SEED PODS

Seed Pods, a smaller and more intimate sculpture located at the entrance to City Park at the SW of Jackson Ave. and Oak St., depicts multiple Corten steel stylized milkweed husks open to the world to reveal stainless steel seeds. This sculpture refers to the synergy that occurs when we live in harmony with nature.



Proposed location of 'Seed Pods'



Renderings of *Seed Pods* on the SW corner of Oak St. and Jackson Ave.

