



Centennial Courtyard

The innovative design of the BWP Centennial Courtyard showcases how an industrial ruin can be transformed into usable open space.

Demolition of the un-used substation was paid for by the scrap value of the metals. Materials were reused in the courtyard avoiding most waste from going to landfills.

The courtyard is currently being recognized as a test site for The Sustainable Sites™ Project – a two-year pilot program of over 150 landscapes worldwide, led by the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, and the United States Botanic Garden to create guidelines for leadership in landscape sustainability.

All the storm water landing in the Centennial Courtyard is directed to a utility tunnel running the length of the courtyard. The tunnel has been re-purposed into a phyto-extraction canal where carefully selected species of plants filter water runoff before releasing it back into the ground.

Re-purposing to Create Courtyard

- A steel structure was re-purposed to create a super trellis.
- Boulders relocated from the local landfill were used to create the two fountains.
- Renewable solar energy powers the flow of recycled water through the fountains.
- Concrete ruins remain as sculptures to pay tribute to the long history of service.

