Glass City Thresholds
Toledo, Ohio

With CLEAR

CREATING URBAN ARRIVAL

Glass City is the winner of the Toledo ARTNET Gateway Competition, intended to be the first of eight public art projects for urban landscape to be implemented through annual competition. MPA’s proposal with CLEAR reinvents the public right-of-way by investing design attention in the boundaries created by existing transportation infrastructure, to transform them from visual barriers to animated thresholds.

The team’s approach focused on the extended site: targeted installations cover a substantial territory and therefore create a cumulative visual impact, producing a memorable urban threshold.

New environmental and pedestrian infrastructure beneath and alongside the elevated highway uses stormwater runoff management as a means to develop urban identity.

RECOGNITION
Toledo ARTNET Gateway Public Art Competition, First Prize, 2005

A  Toledo n-s grid / solar field
B  Phyto fields
C  Slow-down berm with vision lines
D  Anthony Wayne swale
E  Lafayette serpentine - pedestrian infrastructure
F  Archipelago - glass islands
G  Rail garden
H  Rail trace lines

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