

# FEMA ArtWorks: Community Forms

The first project completed under the FEMA ArtWorks banner supported by Region 8, *Community Forms* is an art installation that serves as both a community gathering space and a means to redirect stormwater.



**Fig. 1:** The gentle shapes of *Community Forms* both redirect storm water and serve as a skate park and community gathering spot.

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“Community Forms”

**Artist:** Matt Barton

**Location:** TAXI Campus, 3455 Ringsby Court, Denver, CO

**Partners:** RedLine Contemporary Art Center, Black Cube Nomadic Art Museum

Community Forms is located on the TAXI campus in Denver’s Globeville neighborhood near the South Platte River. The artwork consists of a collection of form concrete structures that can serve as gathering spots and a place for free-form play. The design also serves to redirect runoff water from rainstorms or snowmelt toward a bio-swale that slowly releases into the river. There also is interpretive signage in place describing the history of flooding on the South Platte River and how individuals can be better prepared for future floods.



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**Fig. 2: Seen from above, *Community Forms* provides a variety of options for interaction.**