

“Water is the driver of nature
....so one might say
that it changes into as many natures
as are the different places through which it passes.
And as the mirror changes with the color of its objects
so this changes with the nature of the places it passes:
Health-giving, harmful, laxative, astringent,
sulphurous, salt, sanguine, depressed,
raging, angry, red, yellow, green, black, blue,
oily, thick, thin.
Now it brings conflagration, then it extinguishes;
is warm and is cold;
now it carries away, then it sets down,
now it hollows out, then it raises up,
now it tears down, then it establishes,
now it fills up and then it empties,
now it rises and then it deepens,
now it speeds and then lies still
....now it nourishes and then does the contrary,
now it is salt and then is without savor
...With time everything changes.”

Leonardo da Vinci

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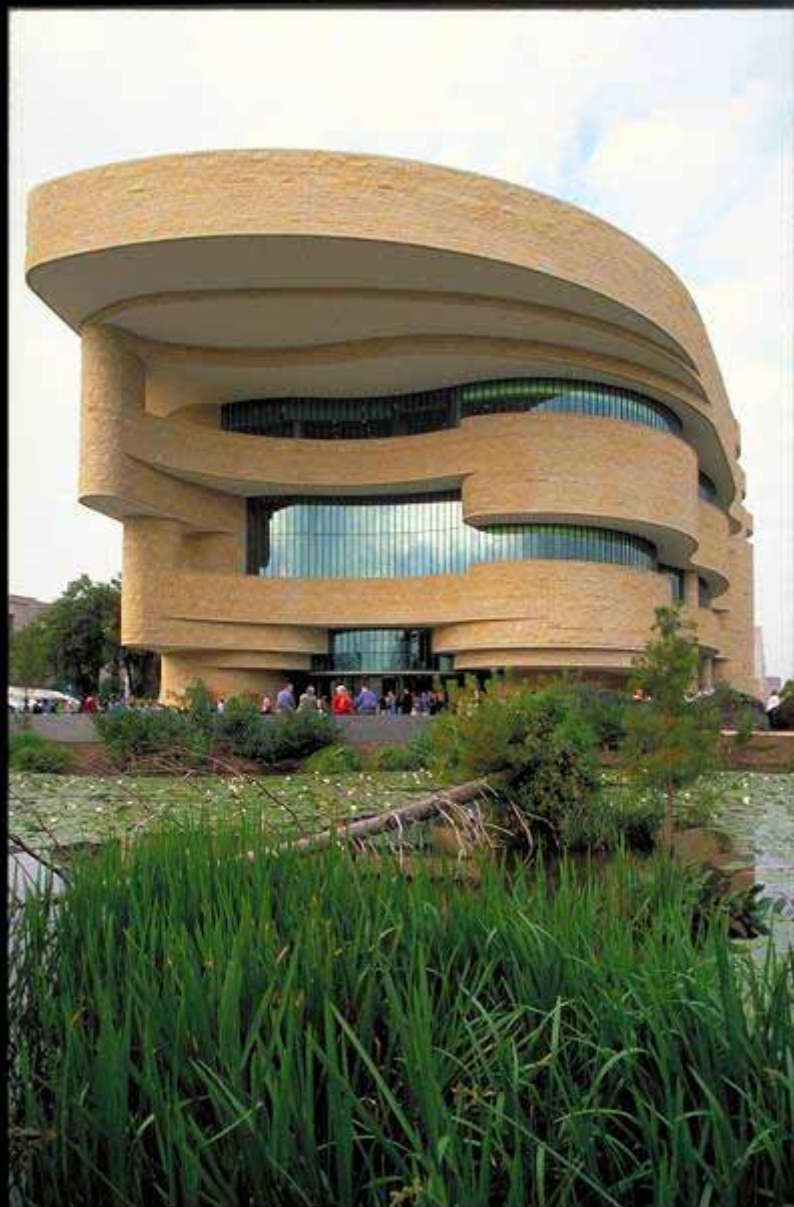












Water Feature Costs

- **Average water feature costs is between \$200-300k**
- **Assumes:**
 - **Basic pool shape and finishes**
 - **Standard water effects, nozzles or waterfalls**
 - **Standard lighting**
 - **No interactive components**
 - **< 100' distance to equipment space**

\$135,000



\$500,000



\$2,000,000



\$35,000,000



Understanding the Medium or All about Water

- **Terminology**
 - **Knowing the difference between water effects**
- **Execution of effects**
 - **In order to execute you need to know how they work**
- **How to make them work**
 - **The devil in the details**
- **Knowing the details**
 - **Construction methods and tolerances**

Types of Waterfalls

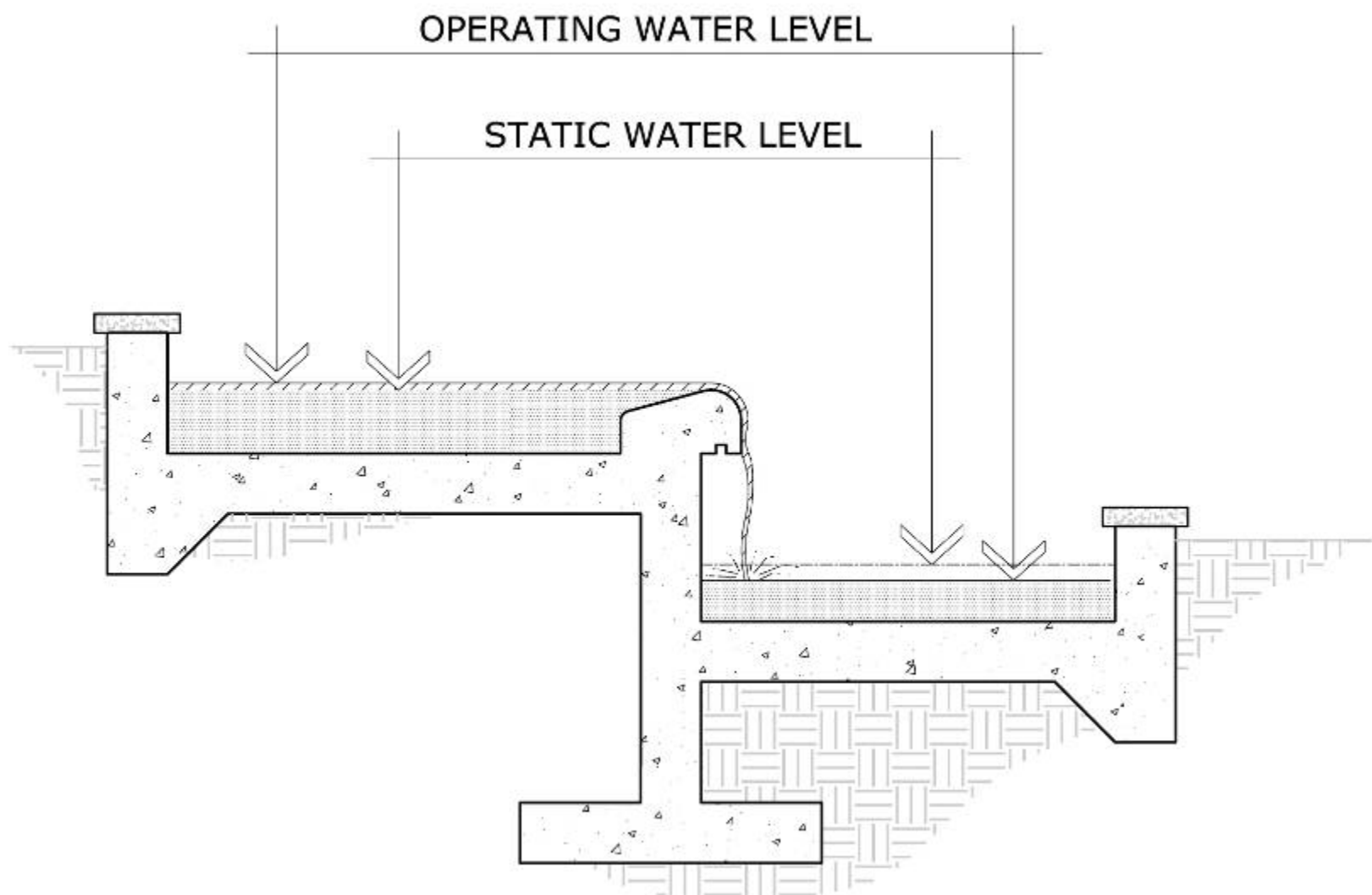
- **Cascades – heavy flows and falls**
- **Steps – aerated white water**
- **Veils or Sheet falls – smooth flows**
- **Waterwalls**
 - **Aerated – contained white water**
 - **Textured – controlled roll waves**
 - **Tension – smooth wave patterns**

Hydraulic Design

- **Waterfalls**
 - **Types: Smooth Sheets, Cascades, Steps, Waterwalls require different flow rates and physical arrangements**
 - **Flow requirements are per lineal foot but knowledge of how this translates into flow depth is important**
 - **Weir design is very important to the execution of any given water effect**

Flow rates for water depths

- **1/8" depth = 5 gpm per lineal foot**
- **1/4" depth = 10 gpm per lineal foot**
- **1/2" depth = 17 gpm per lineal foot**
- **3/4" depth = 28 gpm per lineal foot**
- **1" depth = 40 gpm per lineal foot**
- **1.5" depth = 70 gpm per lineal foot**
- **2" depth = 105 gpm per lineal foot**



Shut Down Rise

- **Area of upper pool (ft²) x Depth of water (ft) = volume of water to catch (ft³)**
- **Volume of water to catch (ft³) ÷ Area of lower pool = Shut down rise (ft)**
 - **Example:**
 - **Upper pool size 10 x 20 = 200 sq. ft.**
 - **Lower pool size 20 x 4 = 80 sq. ft.**
 - **Flow over waterfall = 1" = .083'**
 - **200 sq. ft x .083 ft = 16.6 cu. ft.**
 - **16.6 cu. ft. ÷ 80 sq. ft = .2075' = 2.49"**







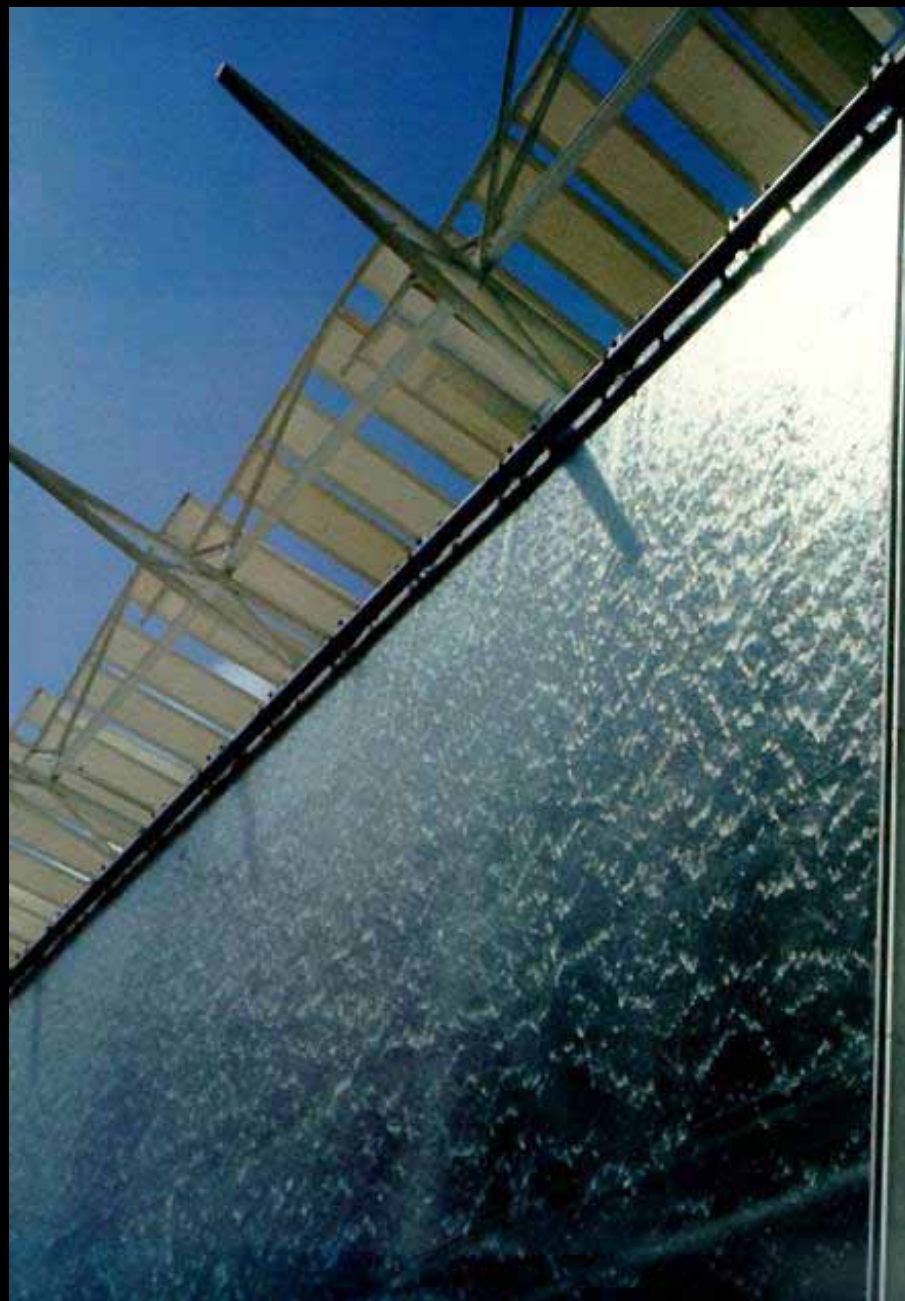


Laminar Flow

- **Non turbulent, non crossing flow – with a Reynolds number of 2000 or less**
 - **Stable in nozzles**
 - **Stable in water falls**
 - **Usually does not occur in pipes larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ "**





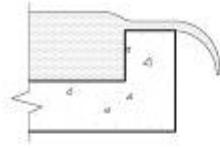




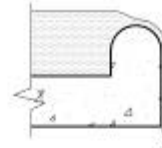
Weir

- **A dam used to hold back or set the elevation of a waterway.**
 - **Types of weirs**
 - **Blade weirs**
 - **Broad crested weirs**
 - **Broad crested with end contractions**
 - **Round crested**
 - **Sharp crested**
 - **Notch weirs, comb weirs, filigree**

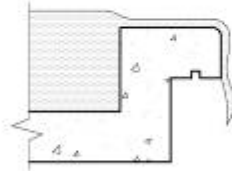




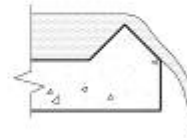
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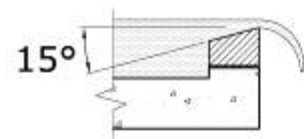
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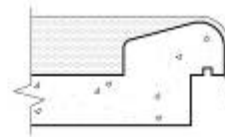
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DEPRESSED NAPPE



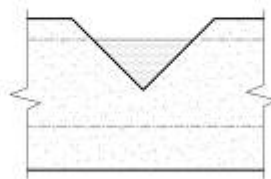
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SHARP-CRESTED
CORRECT
CONFIGURATION



ROUND-BROAD-CRESTED

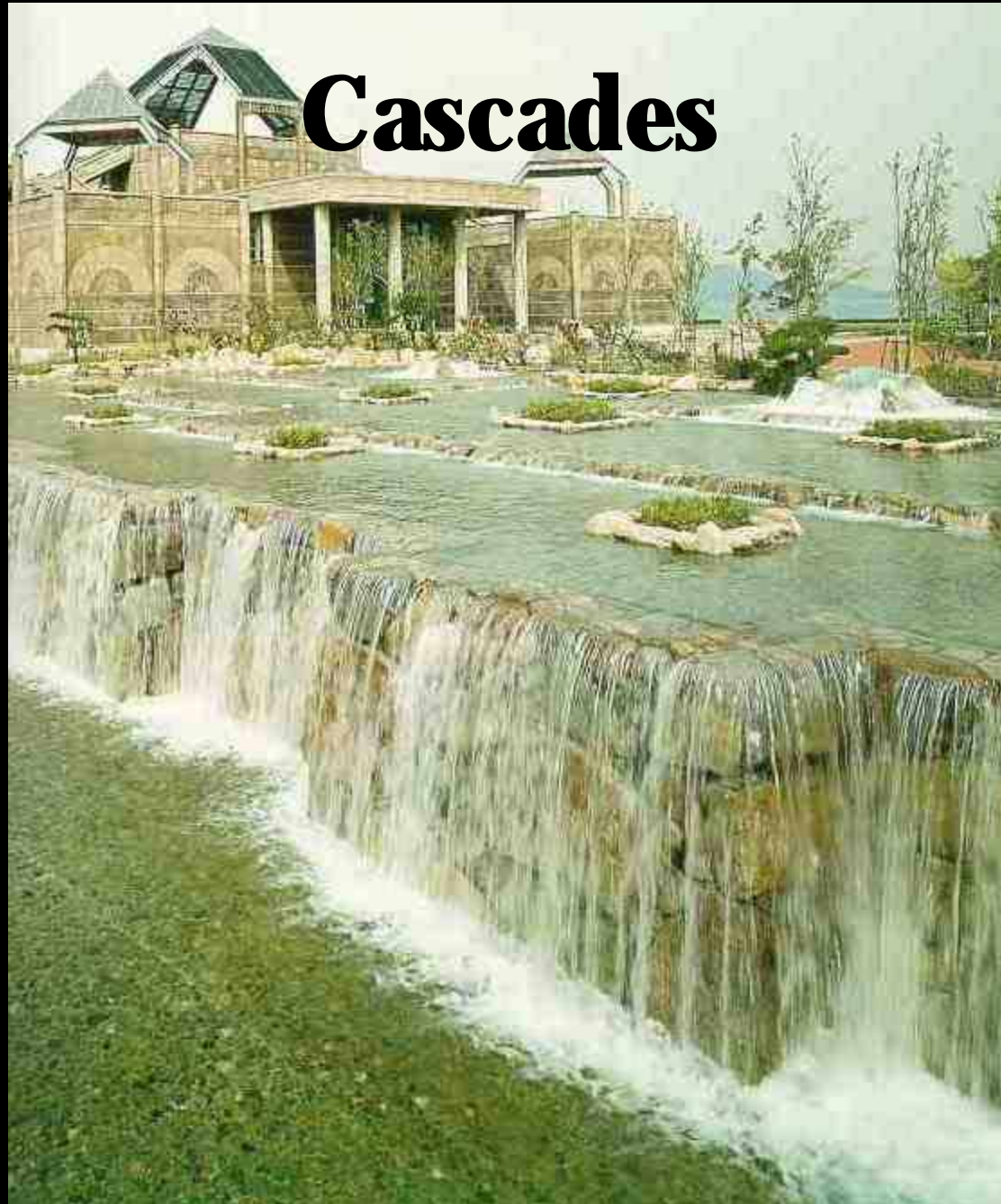


V-NOTCHED
(FRONT-ELEVATION)





Cascades

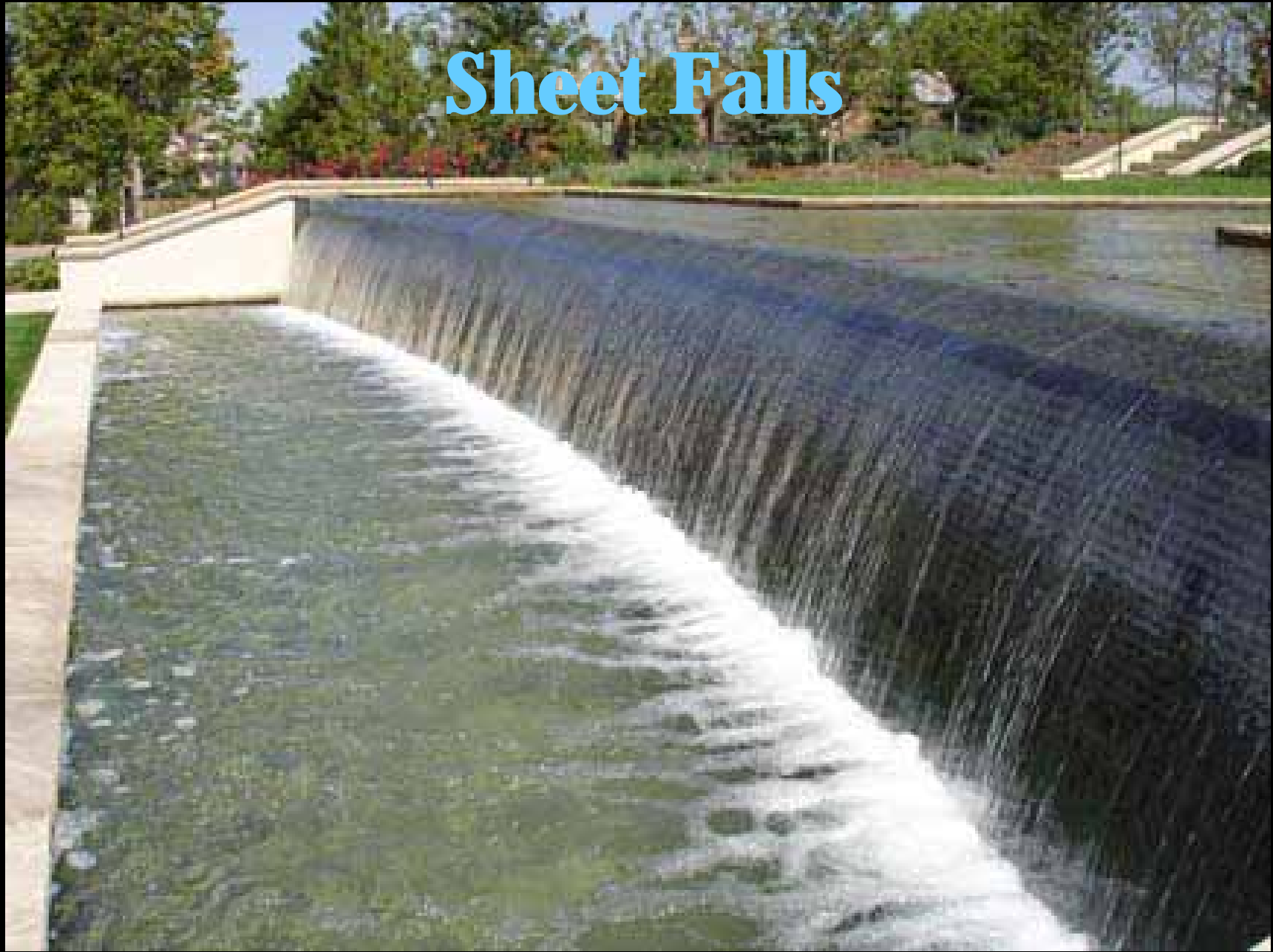


Cascades

- **Easiest to execute because of weir tolerances**
- **Tolerant to turbulence**
- **Works with all types of stone finishes**
 - **Stone finish types:**
 - **Polished – smooth**
 - **Honed – just under polished**
 - **Thermal/flamed/exfoliated – coarse texture from heat**
 - **Sawn – rough cut**
 - **Split face – rough cleave**

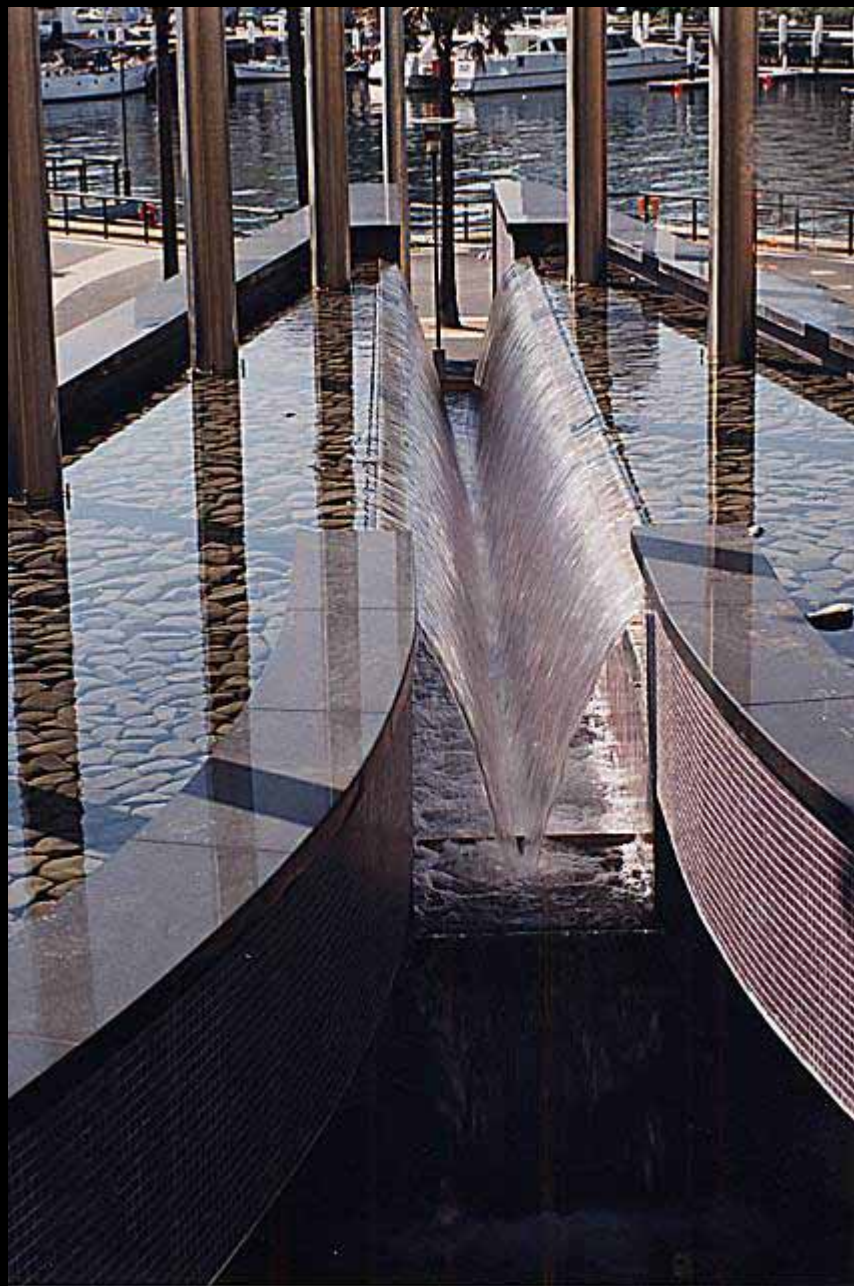


Sheet Falls



Sheet Falls

- **Most difficult to execute**
- **Smooth approach velocity required**
- **No turbulence**
- **Proper weir profile**
- **Proper flow volume**
- **Max height 10-12 feet**









Waterfalls

- **Flow requirements:**
 - **Cascades:**
 - **Over cut stones or concrete allow up to 35 gpm per foot**
 - **Over coarse or natural stone allow up to 50 gpm per foot**
 - **Smooth Sheets:**
 - **3-5' fall allow 40 gpm per foot**
 - **5-10' fall allow 100 gpm per foot**
 - **10-12' fall allow 150 gpm per foot**



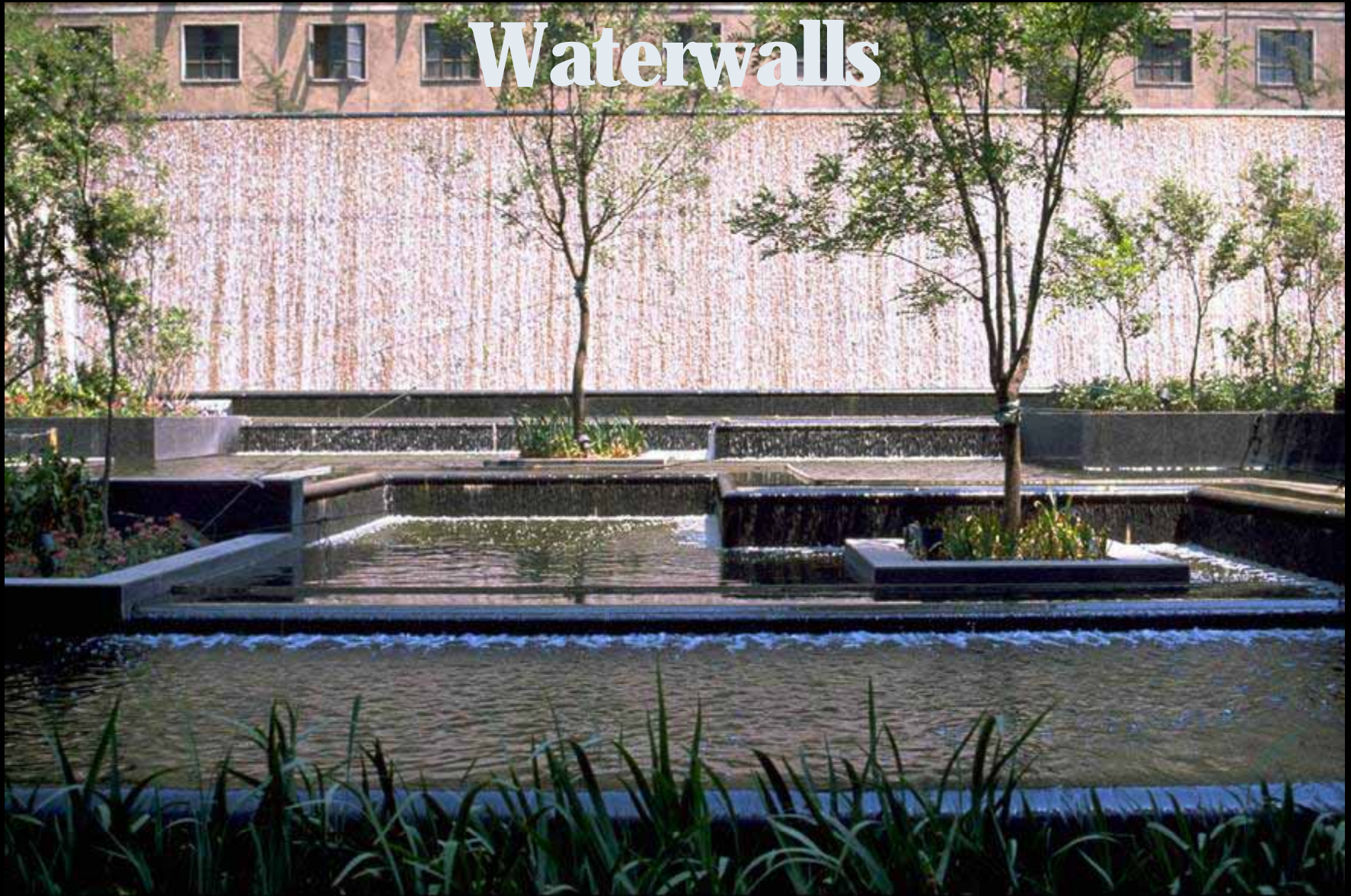








Waterwalls



Waterwalls

- **Aerated – textured rough surface – white water look**
- **Tension – smooth surface – surface waves**
- **Textured – tooled surface – roll waves**
- **Chadar – textured, tiled or tooled and battered – moderate white water or textured water**















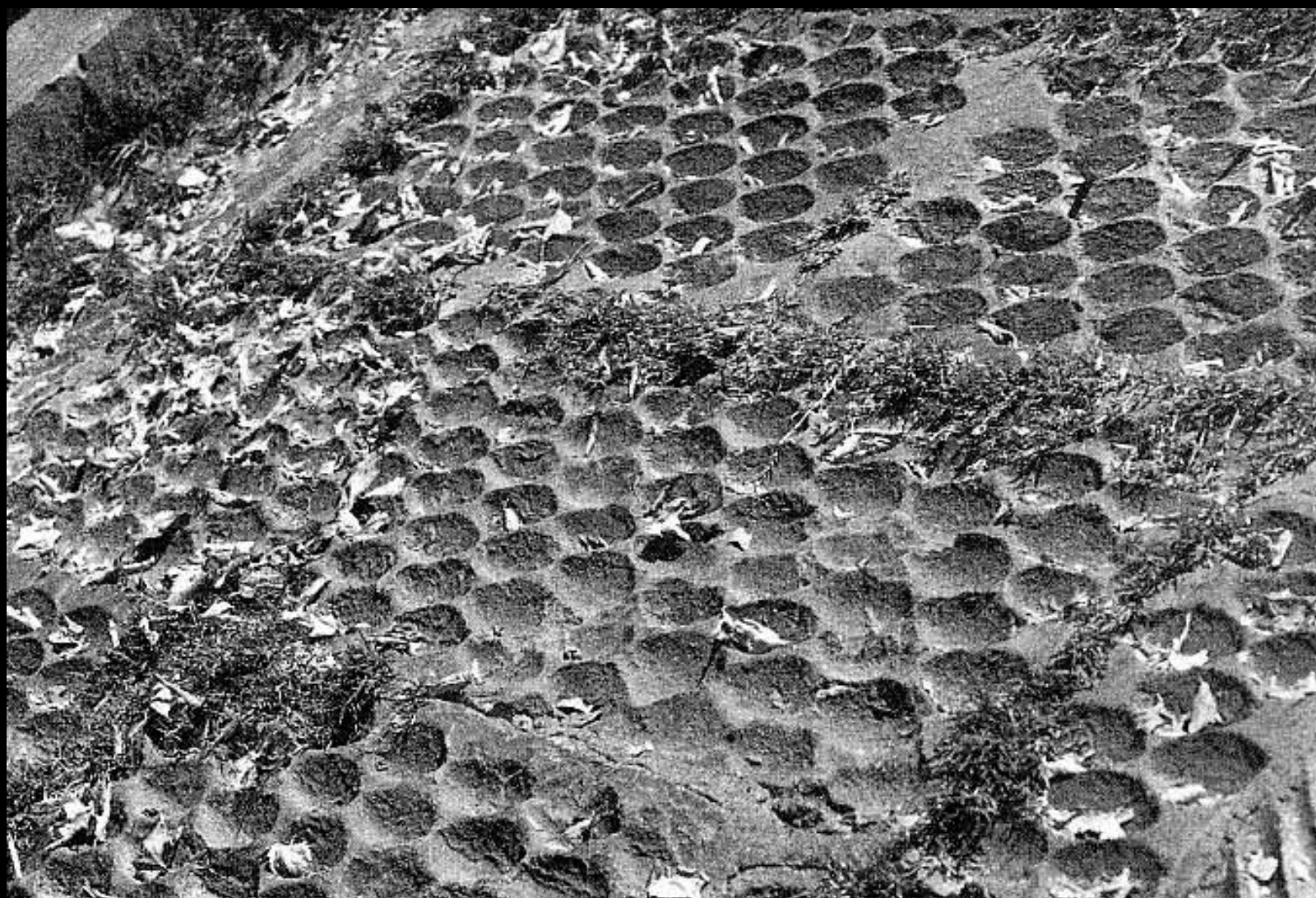




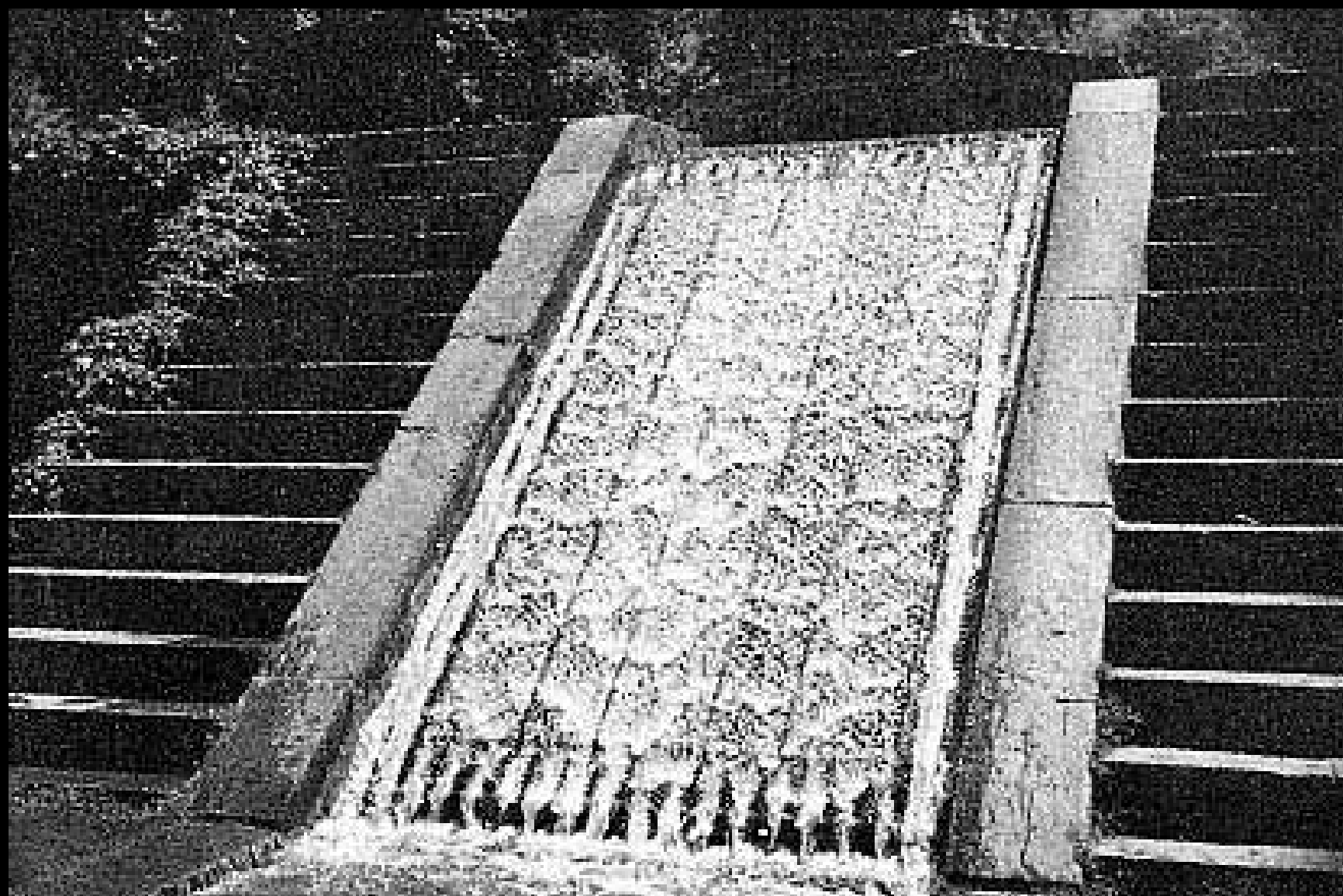
Chadar: *n*, a cloth used for head covering by Hindu and Muslim women

Batter: *n*, a backward or upward slope of a wall or the like























Flows for Waterwalls

- **Aerated waterwalls - up to 35 gpm per lineal foot**
- **Tension and textured waterwalls - 4-8 gpm per lineal foot**







Designing for velocity and turbulence

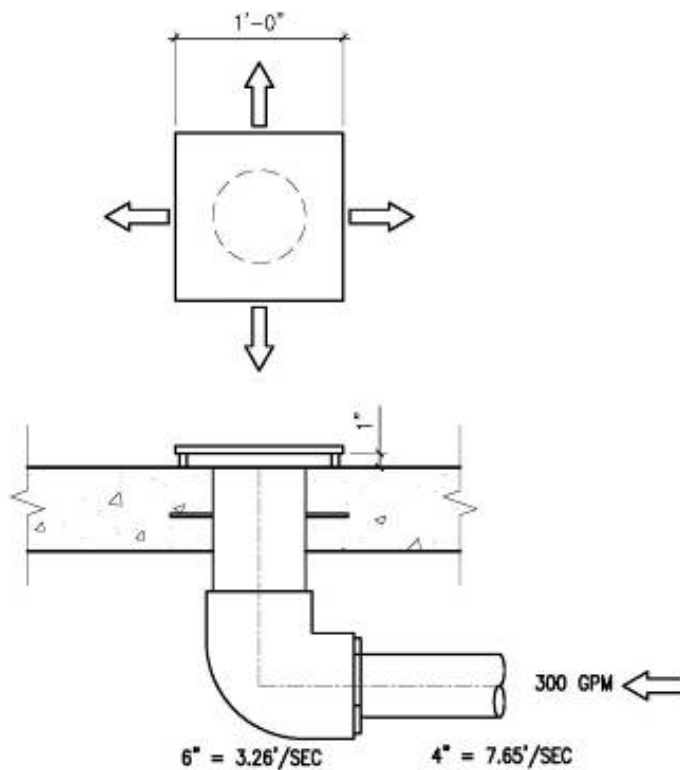
- Discharge velocity has to be controlled with proper pipe and fitting sizing
- Velocity calculation
 - $\text{GPM} \div 60 = \text{gallons per second}$
 - $\text{GPS} \div 7.48 = \text{cubic ft. per second}$
 - $\text{FT}^3 \div \text{open area of fitting (ft}^2\text{)} = \text{feet per second}$
- $\text{Gallons} \div 7.48 = \text{cubic feet}$
- $\text{Open area in sq. inches} \div 144 = \text{sq. feet}$
- Typically design for 3'/sec from fittings







Figuring velocity



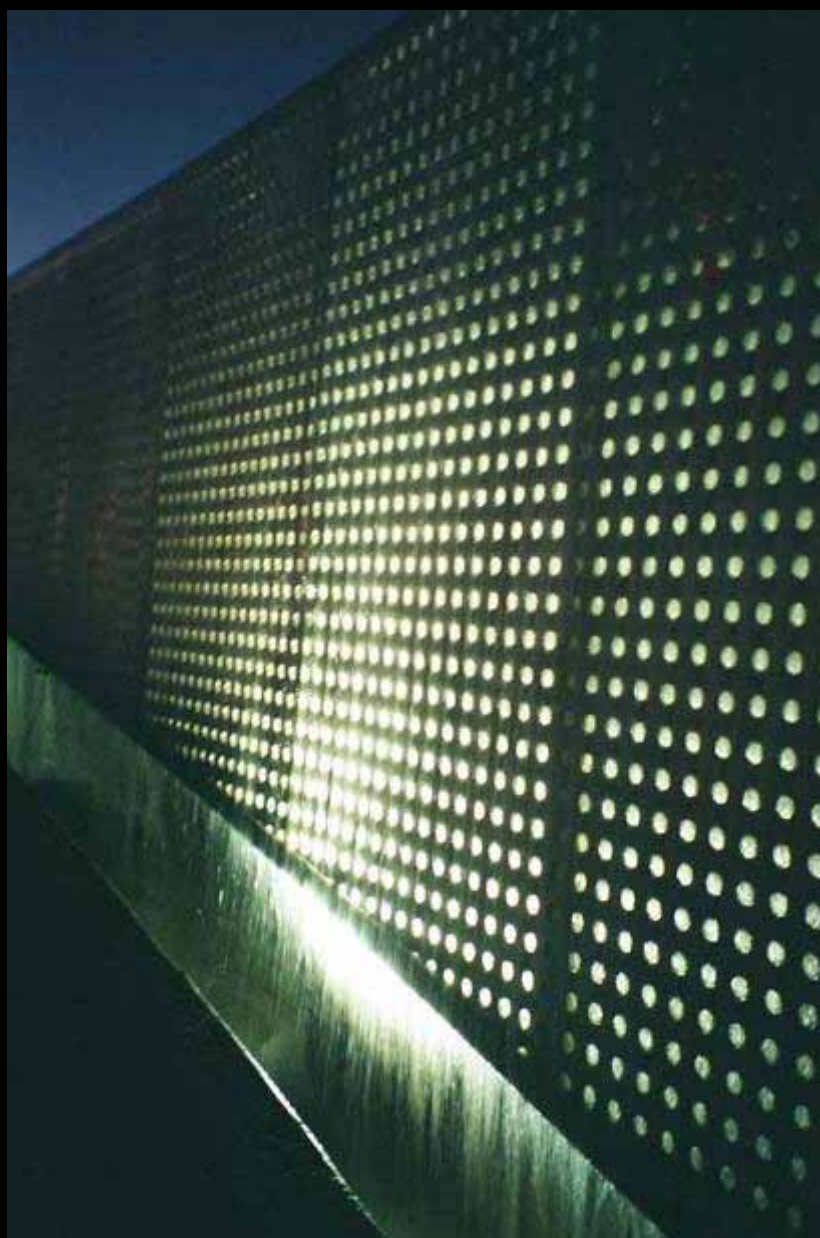
PERIMETER = 12"
 12" X 4 SIDES = 48"
 OPENING = 1"
 OPEN AREA = 48 IN²
 48 IN² ÷ 144 = .33 FT²

GPM ÷ 60 (sec) = GALLONS PER SECOND
 GPS ÷ 7.48 (GAL PER CUBIC FT) = CU. FT / SEC
 CU. FT. / SEC ÷ SQ. FT = FT/SEC

300 (gpm) ÷ 60 = 5 GPS
 5 GPS ÷ 7.48 = .66 CU. FT. / SEC
 .66 ÷ .33 = 2.0 FT/SEC

“High End Design”

- **What is it and how do I get some?**
 - **Observation is your best teacher**
 - **There are very few new ideas but many new arrangements**
 - **Often the design is the idea that you have to work out but sometimes it is a simple but elegant detail**
 - **What feels right?**







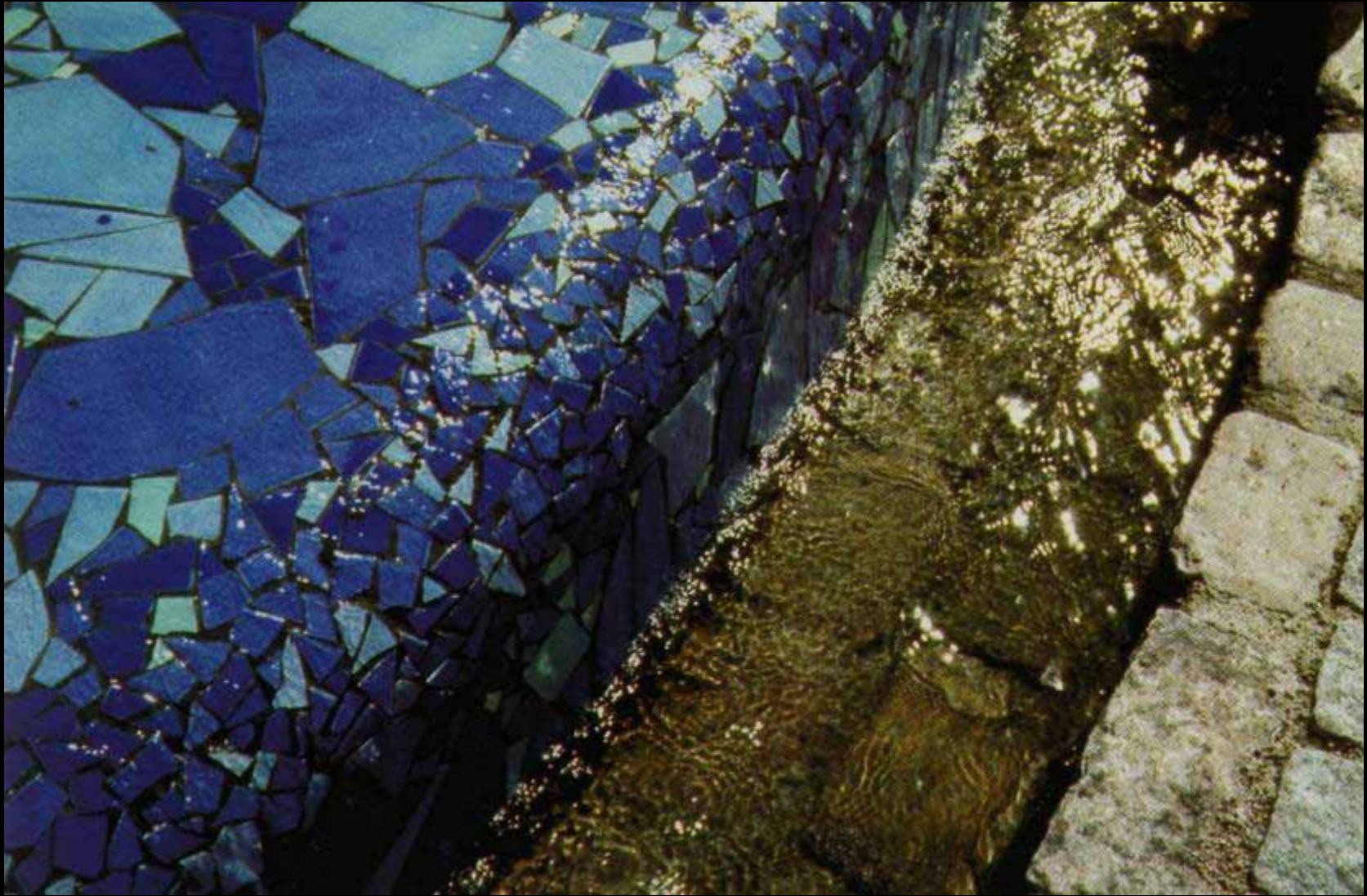




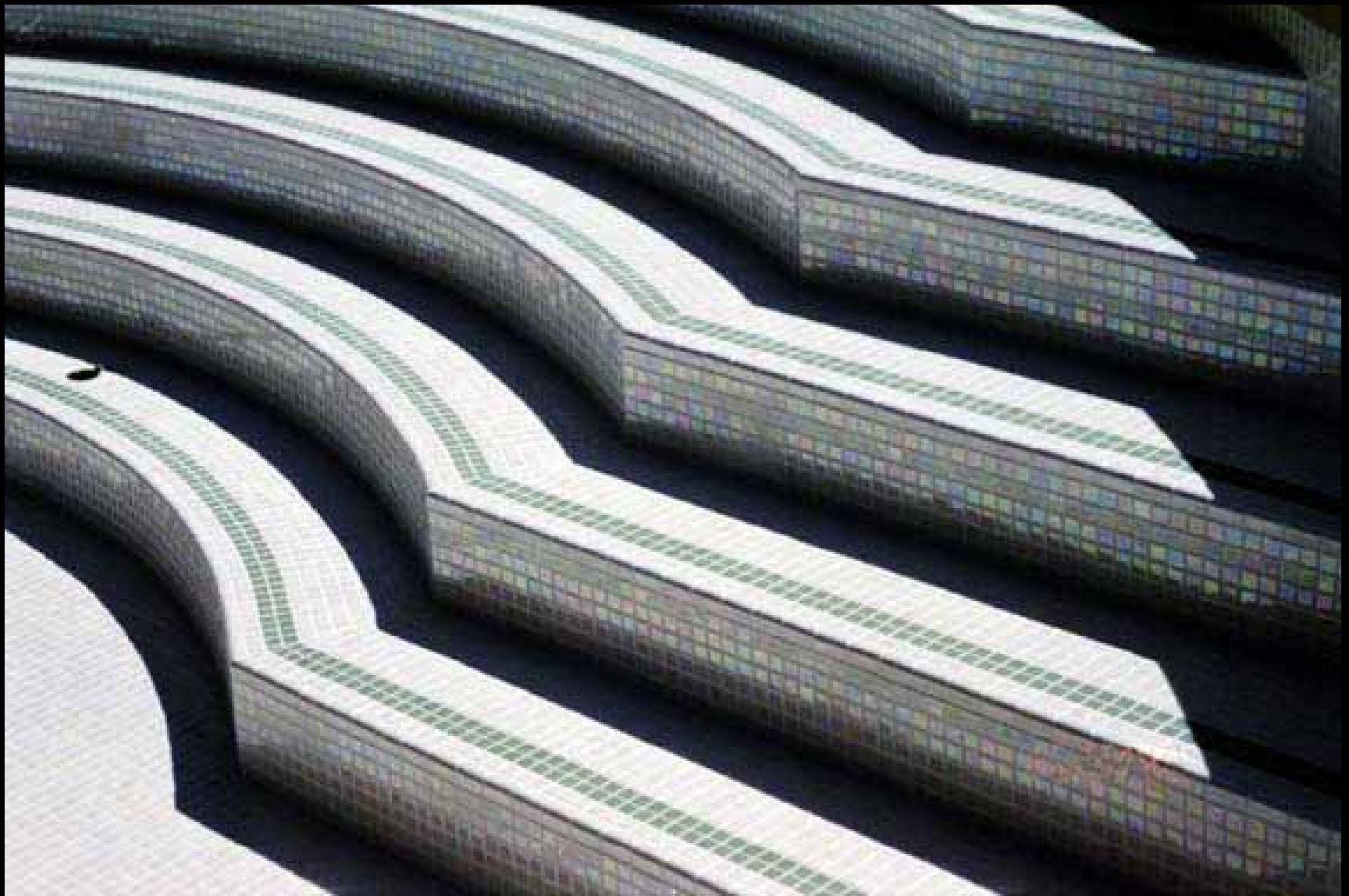












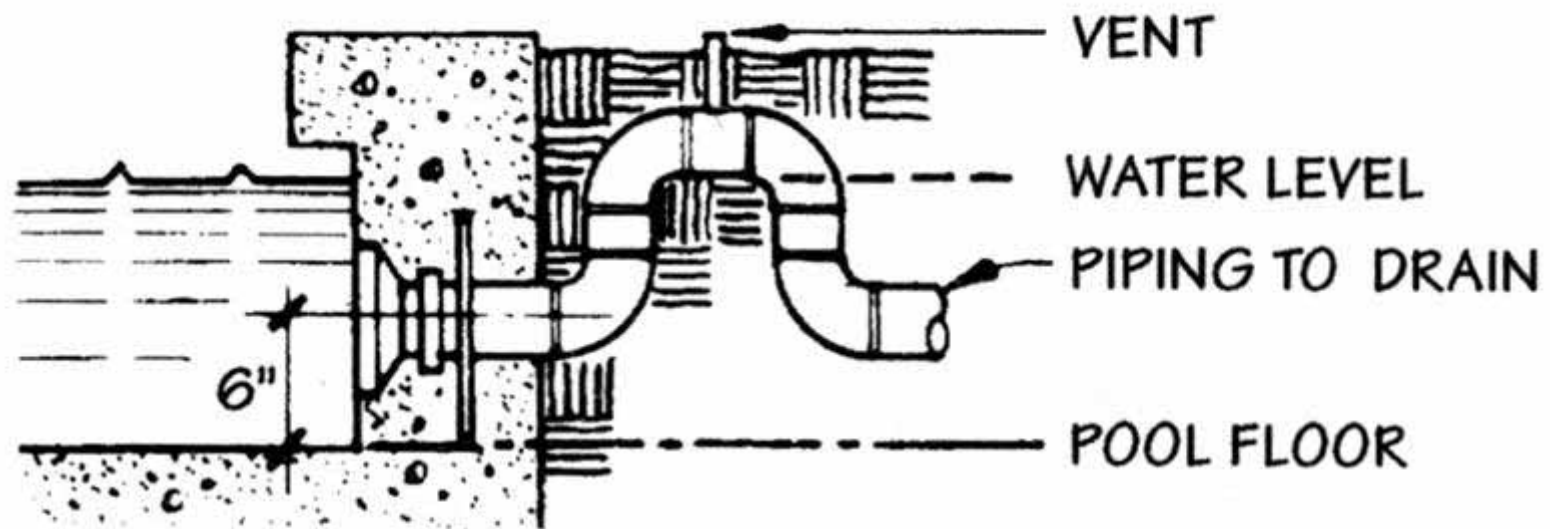




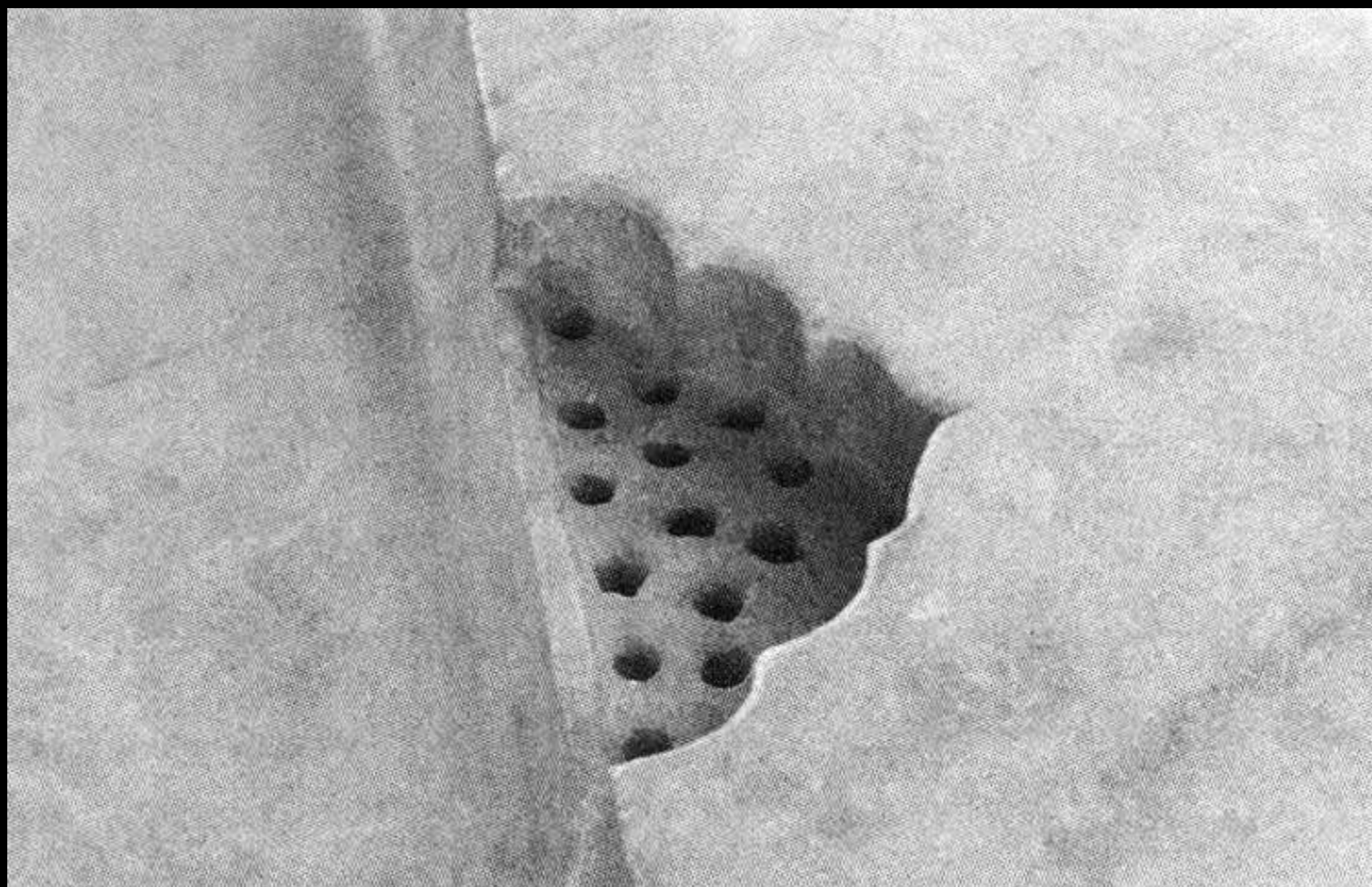


3.5 FT

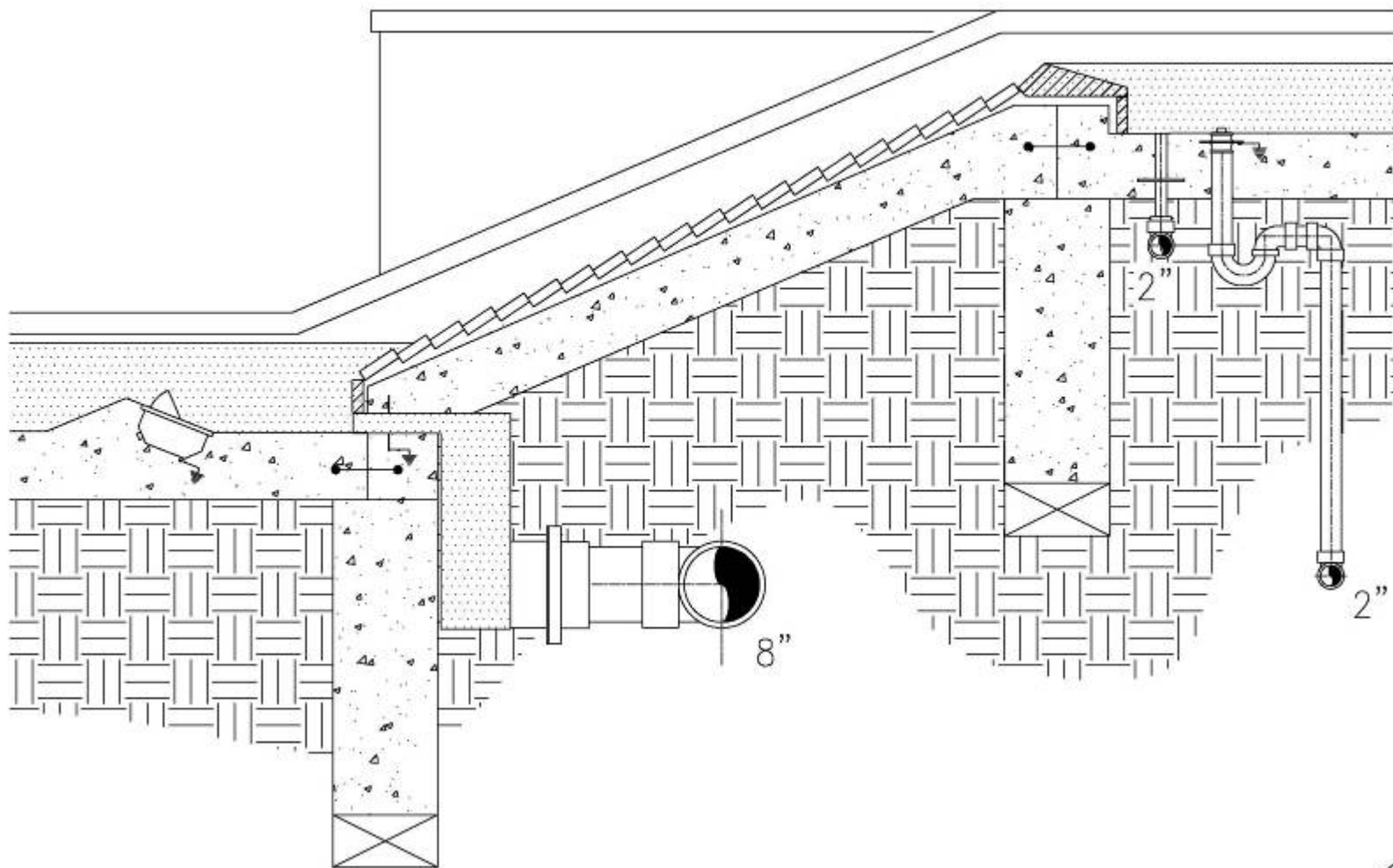




OVERFLOW FITTING















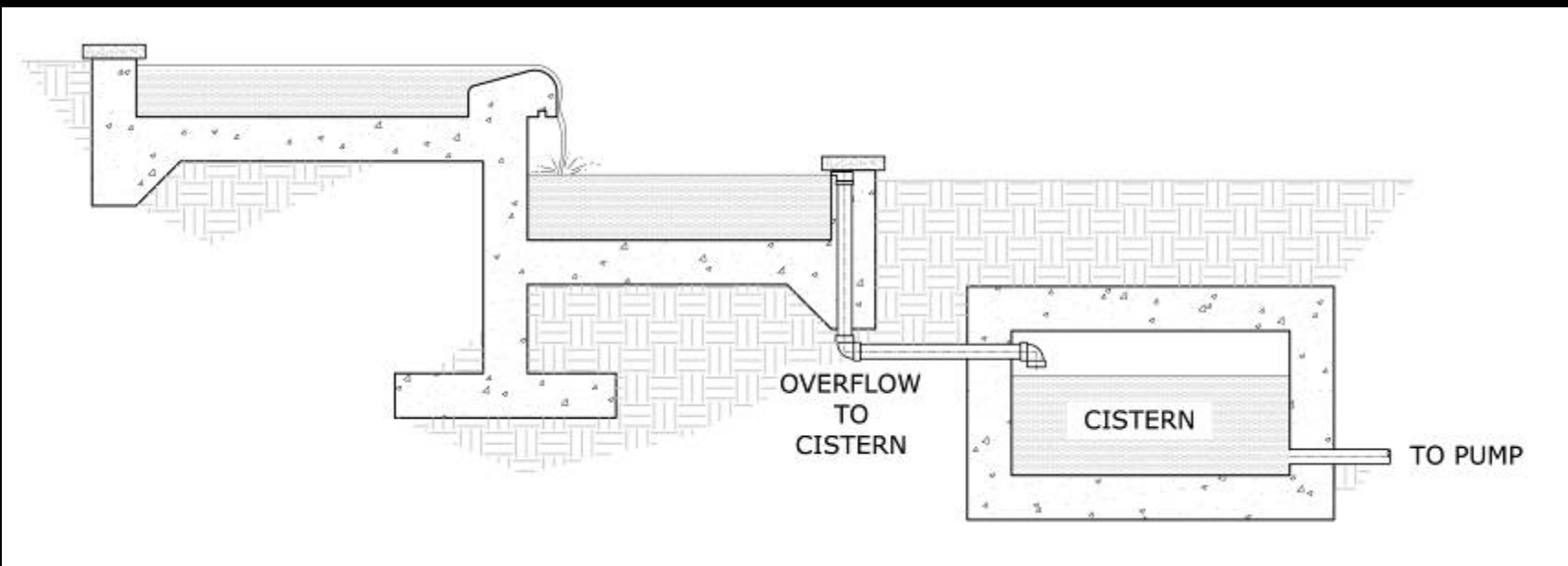






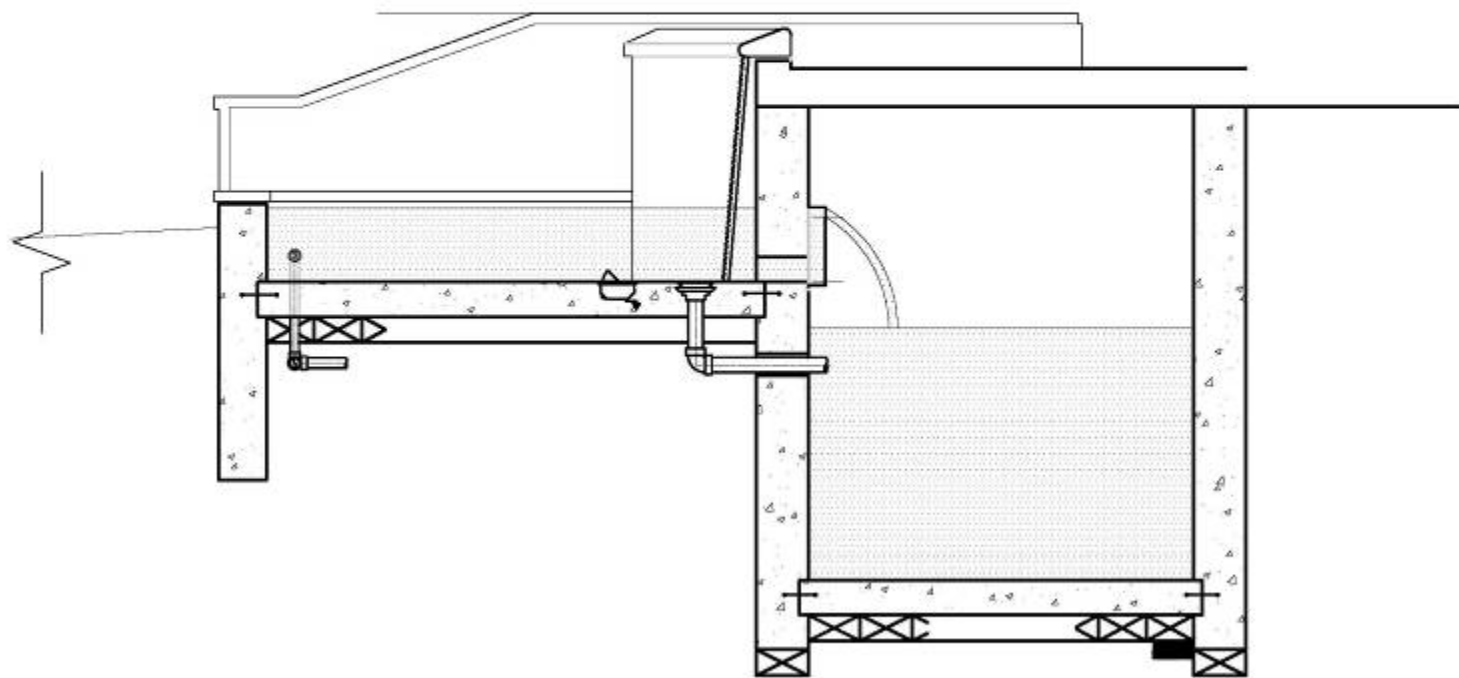
























Who has the ideas?

- **Take the time to look through books and magazines – used book stores are great**
- **Look at the work of sculptors and artists for inspiration – who was Isamu Noguchi?**
- **Don't be afraid to try – ask for help - test**
- **Scale things up and down to fit your project**
- **Embrace technology but don't necessarily buy into it**
- **Surf the web**

Interesting Web Sites

- wstudio.com/
- www.flow-forms.com/
- www.fountainkinetics.com/index.html
- www.inexan.com/
- www.williampye.com/
- www.pariswater.com/fontaines/fontaine.htm
- www.thais.it/citta_italiane/roma/fontane/fontane.htm
- www.fountainsinthecity.com/
- www.seattlesolstice.com/
- www.rockartist.org/index.html
- www.architecturalstone.net/index.html
- www.rhodes.org/
- www.gardenvisit.com/
- www.profloinc.com















Trompe L'oeil

- **Tromp loy – to fool the eye**



Observation

- **What does your library look like?**
- **Teach yourself to look at the surroundings of a project you like to find out how all of the elements contribute to the whole success.**
- **Carry a camera**
- **If you pay attention, you will learn something new every day**

Mock it up

- **Test the effect – don't guess**







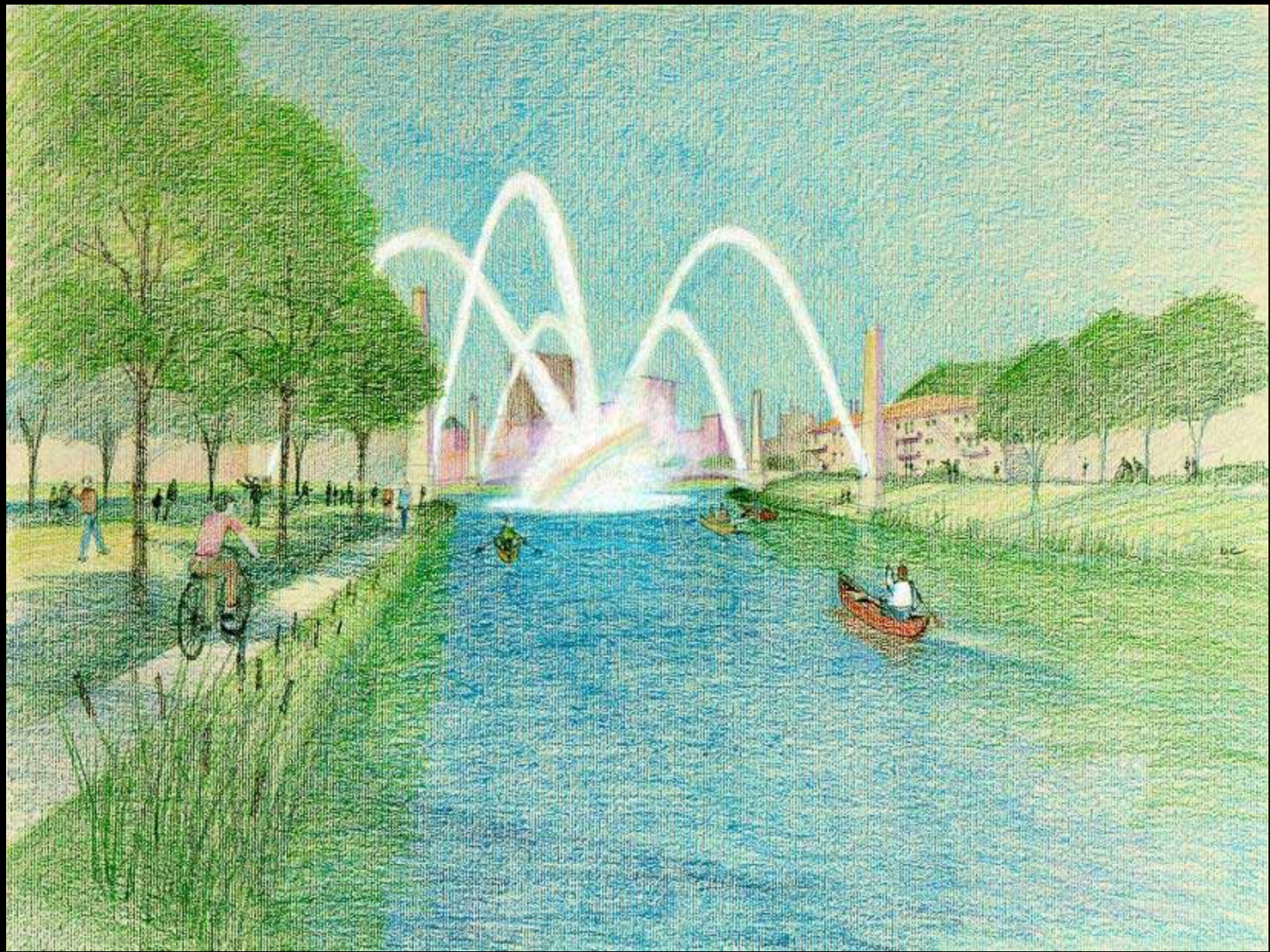


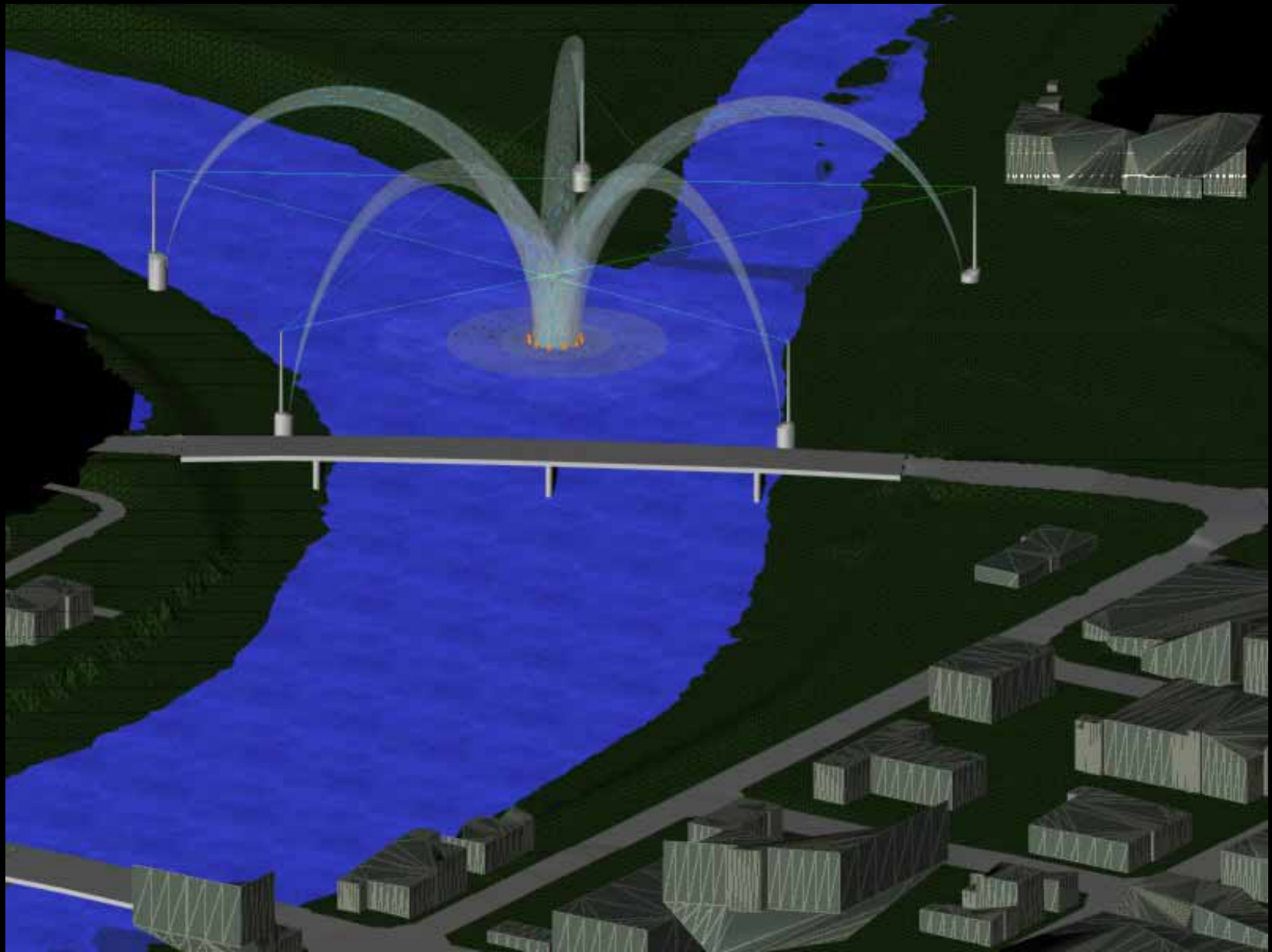


Where do you get help?

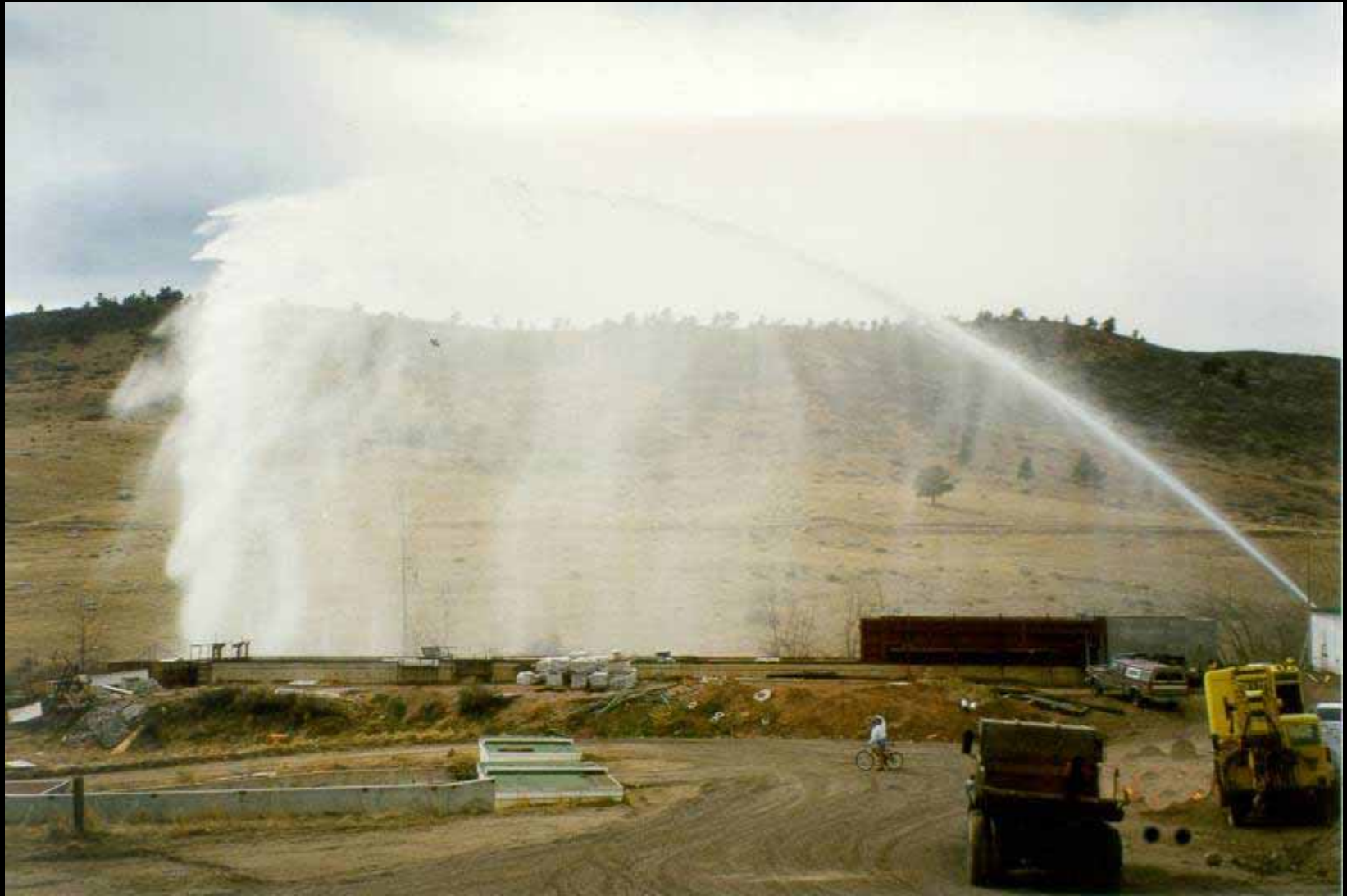
- **Landscape Architects/Architects**
- **Fountain Consultants**
- **Fountain Manufacturers**
- **Artists – in all mediums**
- **Peers and contractors**
- **Manufacturer's representatives**
- **Universities – students and professors**















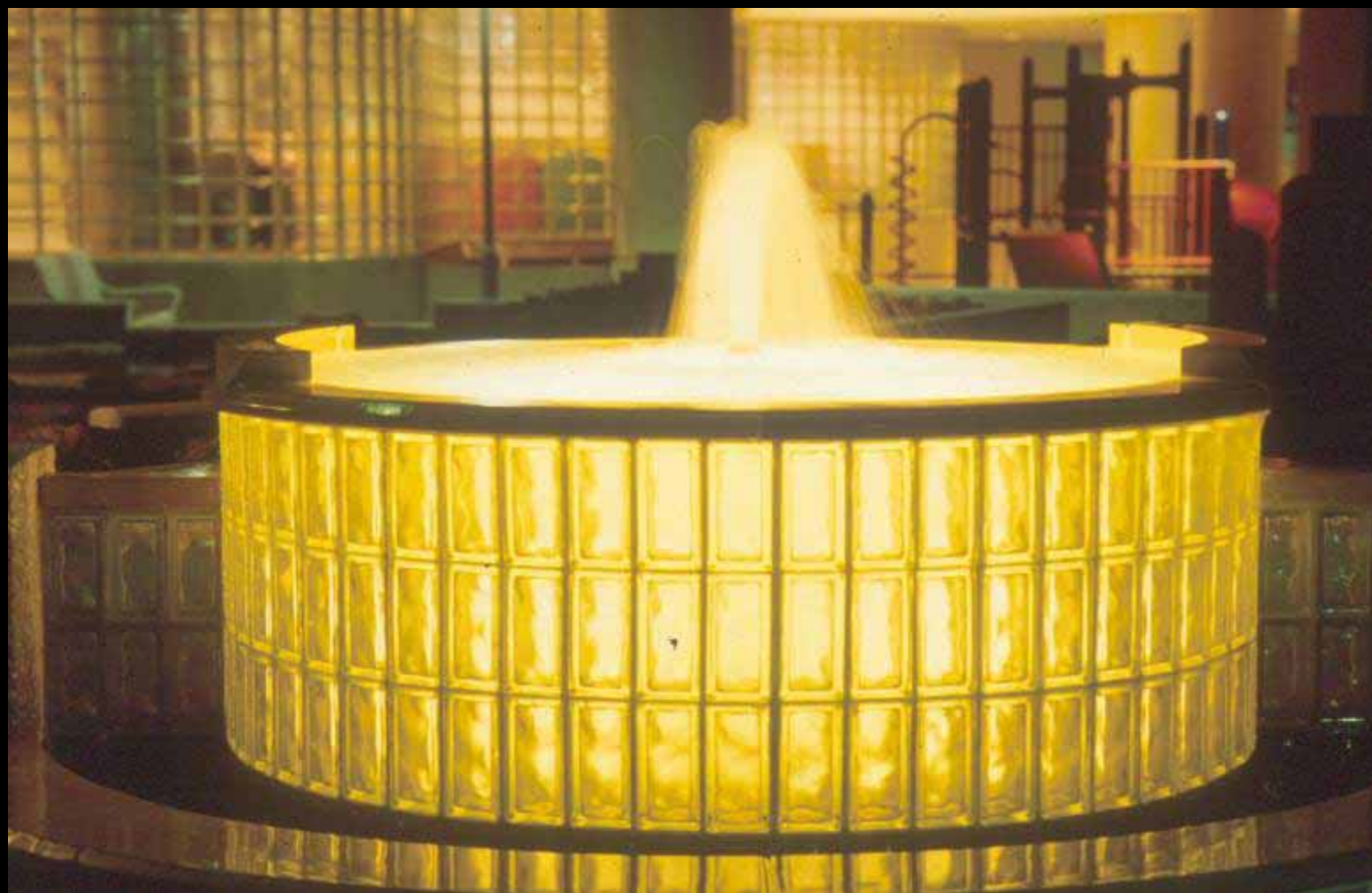


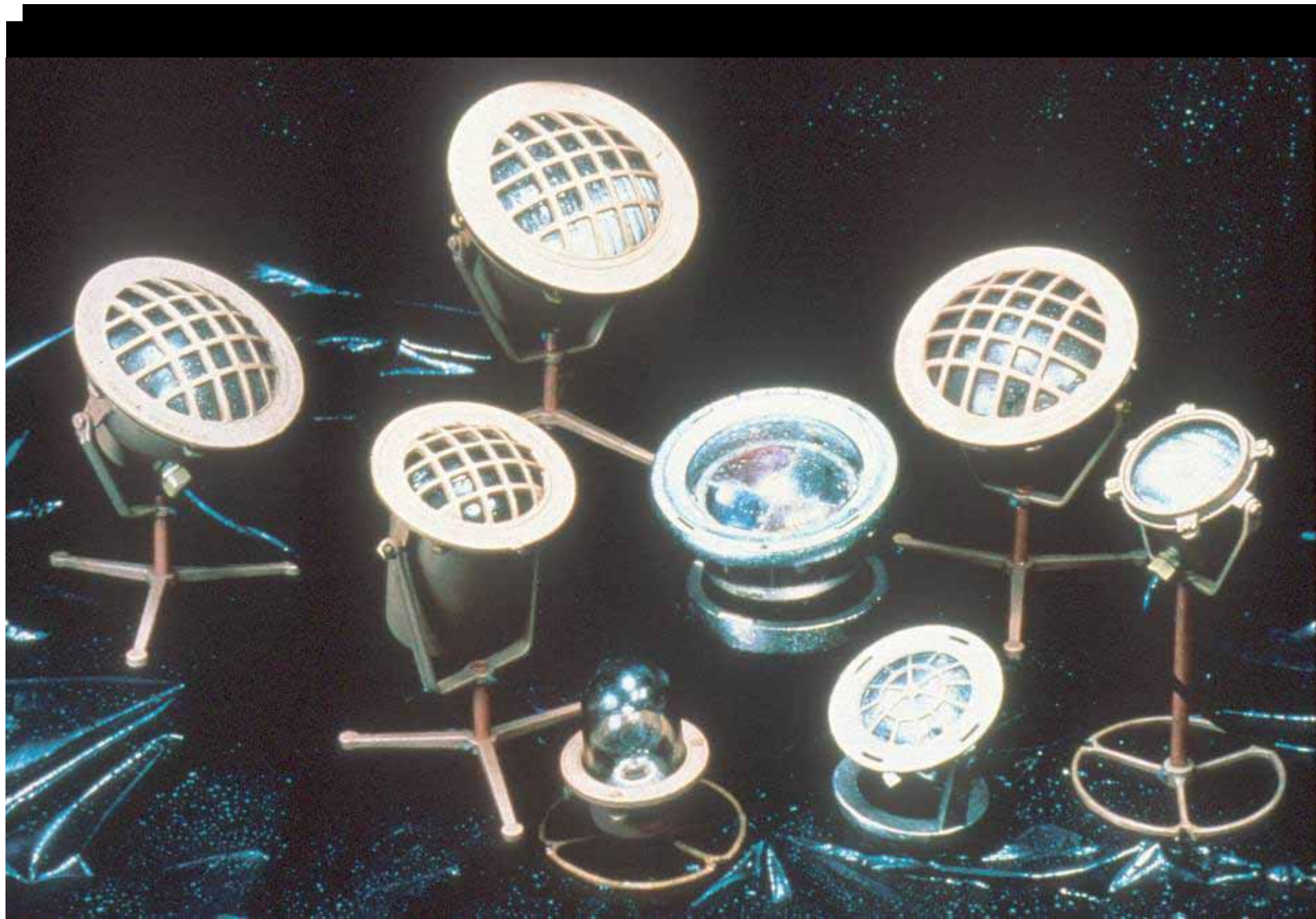






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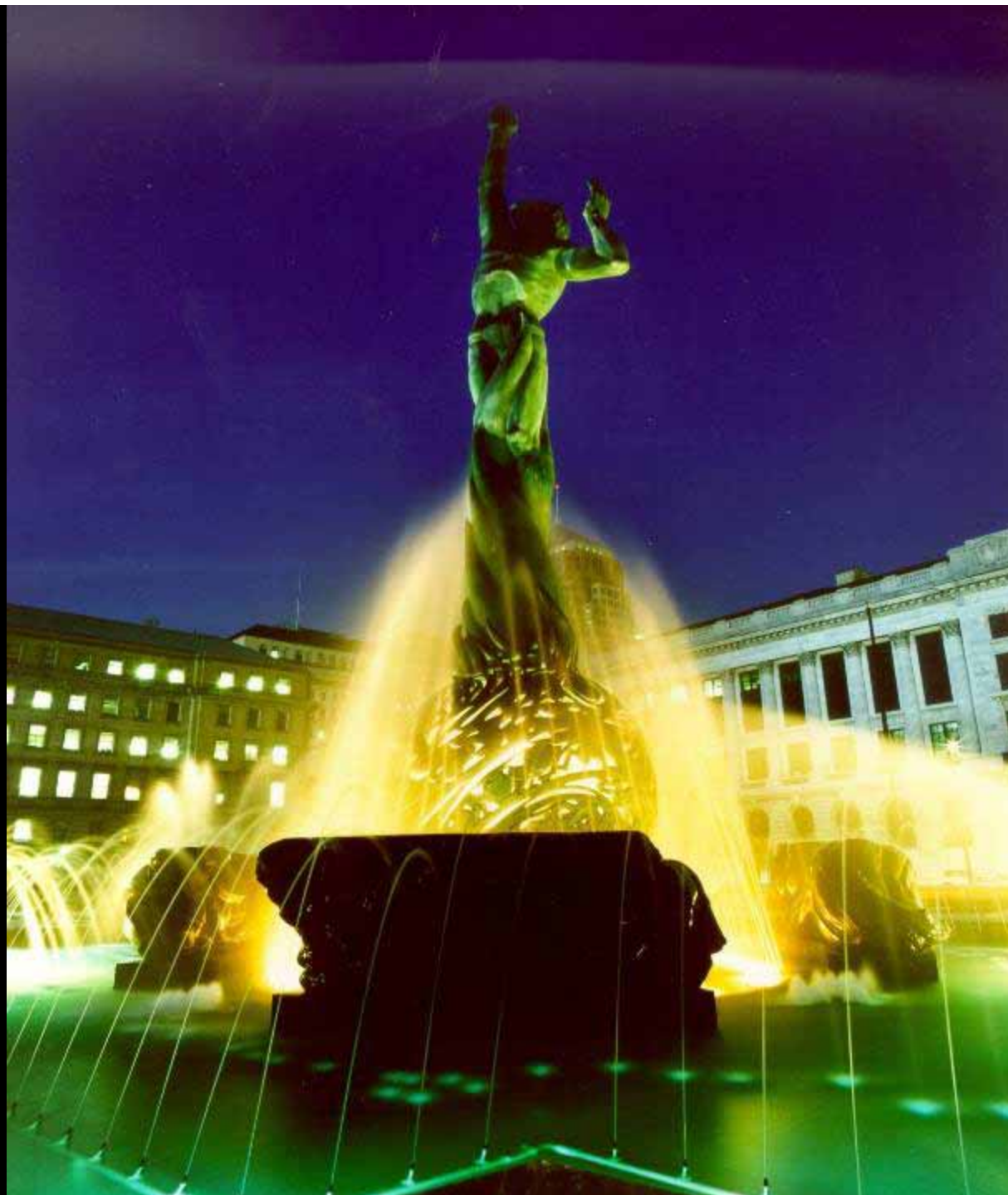




















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