



Waterfront Art - Cultural Space Park

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The studio will engage one of the most significant urban transportation, design and environmental projects in the Pacific Northwest – the **Columbia River Crossing** (Replacing the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River, between Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington). We will focus our efforts on the Vancouver side of the CRC project as it encompasses major transportation infrastructure and systems design and development within an urban center, on a **“mighty” rivers edge**, and at the principle portal(s) for Oregon and Washington. The time and place of this endeavor is **extraordinary in historic, economic, environmental and transformative place-making** terms - representing an opportunity to examine **contemporary sustainable urban open space, mobility and cultural space design** at the highest level. Make no mistake this a complex and intense landscape architectural planning and design undertaking – but one rich in design understanding and professional promise.

Considerations:

Landscape & environmental art as place maker
 Enhanced landform as urban space sculpture
 Urban infrastructure as platforms for cultural space making
 Sustainable design principles as art values

The following project foundations will frame our design deliberations:

- The site of our work will be the City's Columbia River waterfront between the rivers edge (South) and railroad zone (North) and Port of Vancouver (to the west) and “The Land Bridge”/Fort Vancouver (to the East)
- Embrace a Vancouver community cultural space and environmental arts program, including:
 - Cultural Resource relocation mitigation of “the Boat of Discovery” monument sculpture and plaza
 - Environmental art park - engaging bridge structures, landform, light, history....
 - Cultural space opportunities: performance, display, permanent and temporary collections, civic events and celebrations
 - Retail/restaurant space/facilities
- City, state and river trail “Gateways/ Portals” expressed in multiple levels
- Bridge storm-water and site rain harvesting and water quality garden