

# flood

## WHAT IS THIS PARK ABOUT?

The 39th Avenue Greenway Park is much more than a nice place to be. This former rail line was repurposed into a piece of flood water directing infrastructure. Denver has flooded in the past due to storms that brought heavy rain. With climate change and a warming planet these heavy rain events will continue to happen more frequently. The deep channel in the center of this park serves to direct flood waters away from homes and businesses.

The sculpture of the watertower is a reminder about the past. Look up at the bottom and the glass marbles show the areas the flooded in 1965 and will flood now in a 100 year flood event.



## ACTIVITIES

1. Look at the area around the park. What would it look like if flood waters were to come up to your knees right now. What would be entirely under water and what could you still see. Draw that.
2. How can you direct flood waters away from where people live and work?
3. Look at the map on the bottom of the watertower. Can you find where you are on the map? Can you find downtown? How much was under water in the great flood of 1965?
4. Look at the area around the park. What would it look like if flood waters were to come up to your knees right now. Stand in places that would be flooded and jump to the height of the water!