Officials with Central Arkansas Water unveiled a new interactive mural in downtown Little Rock today (Thurs). Located at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Cumberland Street, the mural was painted by local artist Tanya Hollifield along with about 70 members of the community. Central Arkansas Water spokesperson Doug Shackleford says the project came about after the utility company received a \$20-thousand-dollar grant from the U-S Water Alliance.

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The mural features a water bottle filling station, the first of its kind in Little Rock. It highlights the USDA's Forest to Faucets initiative, and also features a chalkboard to encourage community conversations about water. Students at three schools also created water-based artwork for the project, which will be on display at the Bobby L. Roberts Library in downtown Little Rock.

Water Mural 2DJB/MEH10/21/2021(ThursPM/FriAM)

A new mural in downtown Little Rock encourages members of the public to think about the importance of clean drinking water. It was unveiled today (Thurs) at the corner of Capitol Avenue and Cumberland Street, near the headquarters of Central Arkansas Water, which commissioned the piece. Artist Tanya Hollifield led the project along with roughly 70 members of the community. She says the centerpiece of the mural is its unique water bottle filling station.

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Funding for the mural came from a \$20-thousand dollar grant from the U-S Water Alliance. Little Rock is one of five cities in the country to receive grants from the program, which seeks to boost the relationship between water utilities and the arts community.