

From Antiquity to Tomorrow: The People's Water Project

This project is not just about a water network. It is about the communication channels and connections made everyday by the citizens of today's cities across the globe.

In our daily activities we encounter multiple systems and connections, all of which play a crucial role in our lives—these pervasive and interlinked networks that dominate our 21st century reality, and structure and enable the necessities and relationships of modern life.

Just as the natural world is a vast interconnection of ecological systems, our lives are dependent on physical networks, such as the distribution grids that bring electricity or water to our homes; economic networks for banking or for the supply of food, goods or commodities; communication networks for access to information and for knowledge exchange; and finally, the social media and community networks made up of human organizations and individuals, which keep people connected and updated.

Through words and imagery, these networks bridge the boundary into the real world—and can bring new beneficial relationships, channel new knowledge and human connections. All of these many network interactions that underlie and support our daily lives are not only central to our growing global infrastructure, but are also predominant in the way they impact how our societies relate to each other.

As connectivity is an essential network of insight and influence, touching on the different points of the Athenian water system may enable an understanding of the relationship different people have had with Athenian water over the centuries.

Interaction with this network will also affirm the principle that water is a resource that belongs to all people. Moreover, that within a society, water should be an example both of city to citizen reciprocity, and of human interdependency—following the water ethics of ancient Athens.