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Installation Title: One Percent

Materials: Recycled Plastic Bags and Chicken Wire

About the Installation:

Americans utilize one hundred billion plastic bags per year and only one percent of plastic bags actually get recycled. Ellie Hazlett, Heather Kipper, Sarah Fagerman, Morgan Sayers, and Sandra Zmuda are a team of artists and educators all working with One River School of Art + Design in Evanston and have created this installation titled “One Percent”.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the team has been collecting plastic bags that were acquired throughout the past year where uncertainty around the spread of the virus led many grocery stores to reject reusable bag options. As fear of the unknown spread over the year, the anxiety of being in everyday public spaces grew and led to grocery delivery services increasing drastically. This has created an excess of wasted transit materials that need to be reclaimed and reappropriated in new ways. The team has created a floral installation utilizing bags that have been collected over the past year to show the mass scale of this issue and bring awareness to the environmental cost of the pandemic and our need to address the impact of plastic production.



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