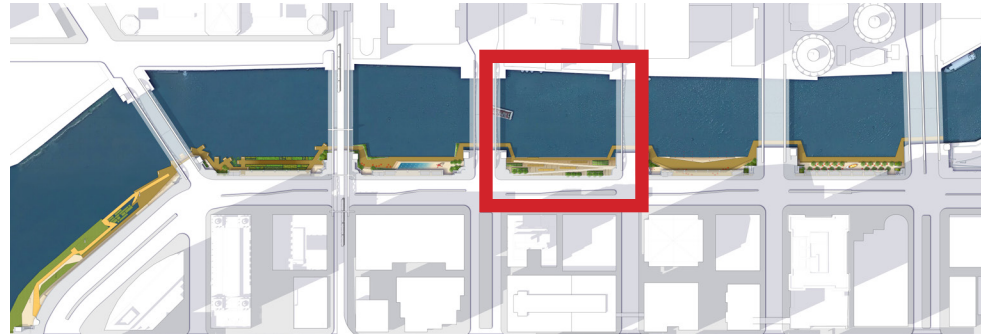


THE RIVER THEATER



Vertical connections between Upper Wacker and the River level are necessary to ensure universal access to the Riverwalk. The design team has carefully considered a system of ramps to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers. This has been especially challenging considering the limitation of the build-out. The River Theater will make the City part of the River and the Riverwalk part of the City. The entire block will be one visual, metaphorical, and literal connection between the upper level of the City and the lower level of the River. A gently sloped ramp will provide the physical connection between the two. Oversized "stairs" primarily will serve as places for plantings and seating from which to people-watch, observe the life of the River, and enjoy special events presented on floating barges. The "stairs" will continue all the way down to water level.

