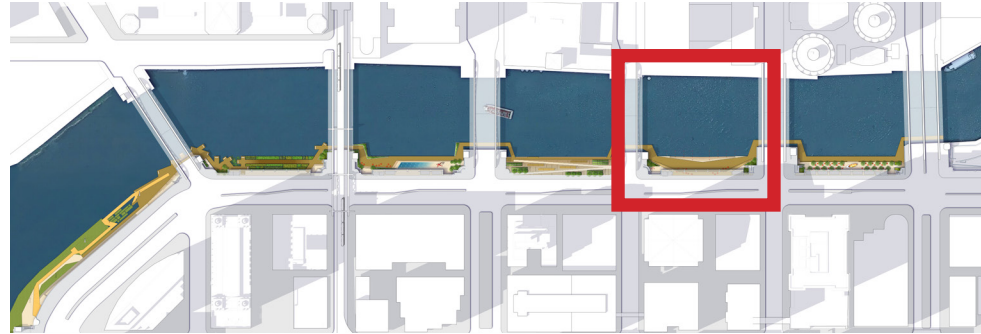


THE COVE



The design of the Cove accommodates the growing presence of human-powered crafts on the Main Branch of the Chicago River. The Cove supports the current boating uses on the River, while providing a safe space for boat expansion and recreational growth opportunities. Integrated into the design are a series of amenities for kayakers including kayak launches and respite spots from rigorous river paddling. The arcade at this site has potential for a future vendor to rent kayaks, lead tours and give lessons. A paddling obstacle course and general amenities for human-powered boat recreation fill this space.

In general, the Cove mediates the transition between the River and the City by creating an intermediate zone between land and water. All programmatic features of the Cove are designed to focus the pedestrian on the observation of the River. Long and gracious seating elements offer dynamic views of the moving boaters and river activities. Motion-censored lighting features, inspired by an installation in the Charles River during Spring 2011, double as buoys and mark the transitional space between water and land.

