

The CityDeck Phase I

Location: Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA **Designer:** Stoss Landscape Urbanism
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1. Transient Docks
2. Pine Street Steps + Stage
3. Interactive Water Feature
4. Lawn
5. Cherry Street Landing
6. Grove

The project starts as a simple boardwalk deployed at the edge of city and river. The highly articulated wooden boardwalk undulates, folding in response to technical, code, and programmatic issues. At the scale of the human body, these folds create diverse seats, benches, and chaise lounges that allow for choice and flexibility. The idea was to give people many choices about where to sit, depending on their own desires, their body type, their mood, and their attraction to various ambient light, heat, or weather conditions. The wood surface folds up and over the existing bulkhead wall at the north end of the site, rising to form a dramatic overlook perched above the river on piles – a great place to watch passing lake barges and small recreational boats. At the city edge, the surface folds up again, affording adjacent buildings required protection from flooding and creating retail and dining terraces, seating, and communal chaise lounges looking out to the water. A flexible upland plaza floats atop fill between the perched terraces and the undulating boardwalk, creating a free-zone to be inhabited by festivals, vendors, and spontaneous activity; it doubles as an informal amphitheatre for performances and is marked at its southern end by an interactive play fountain.

Lawns are located at both north and south ends of the project, allowing for casual play and picnicking. Groves and scatterings of ginkgos, elms, and coffee trees offer shade in the hot summer sun and reduce adjacent buildings' cooling loads. During football season, the trees turn bright yellow, half of the green and gold color scheme of the city's beloved Green Bay Packers football team. The green is manifested in custom-designed concrete pavers (with a green aggregate), shaped to resemble fish scales and perforated to allow for stormwater infiltration.

Right: View looking south along The CityDeck from the Main Street Bridge

