

234 South Water Street Riverwalk Narrative

General Description

234 S. Water LLC will provide a new stretch of Riverwalk that will run the entire length of the site abutting the Milwaukee River. 2,854 sf. of this will be over the river, and 1,365 will be on land, for a total footprint of 4,219 sf. of fully ADA compliant public amenity space for the enjoyment of the Milwaukee River. The deck will be either Caumaru or Black Locust wood, 5/4" thick, over a galvanized steel and treated lumber structure. The railing will be painted steel with stainless steel aircraft cables.

Access

The Riverwalk will be accessible at the existing grade of E. Pittsburgh Ave., and will join a new stretch of Riverwalk at the east end of the new Unnamed Street south of the site. That portion of Riverwalk is approximately 8' below Pittsburgh Ave. Two stretches of ADA compliant ramps will allow pedestrians to negotiate the change in grade with ease without the use of stairs or elevators.

Amenity Space

A short ramp will descend to a 1,977 sf. Amenity Space that will be 2'-6" below Pittsburgh Ave. The Amenity Space is arranged in a series of 4 "sawtooth" shaped spaces, each with its own planter box with benches on two sides. The design is intended to create more intimate spaces for pedestrians to enjoy the environment.

Width of Riverwalk

The two stretches of ADA ramps are the narrowest part of the Riverwalk at 8'-6" wide. The Amenity Space is 16'-9" to 25'-4" wide.

Lighting

The ambient lighting for the Riverwalk will replicate what has been done in the 3rd Ward, next to MIAD for example, where overhead floodlights cast a dim "moonlight" over the entire walkway. We will supplement that with indirect, under bench lighting and in-deck strips of light to create an artistic arrangement for the Amenity Space.

Floating Boat Piers

9 floating piers will be provided for 18 boat slips.



