



History Walk Roof Plan: At Street Grade

The sloping site allows the building to be sunk into the ground so the gateway to Bde Maka Ska is a 2.5 degree sloped, planted roof sprinkled with story poles: colorful installations with stories of the people and cultures who have contributed to this land. The story poles draw on the vibrant, electic nature of the Uptown area, with an adjacent orientation space with maps and event plaza of colored concrete. Land and sky are framed by the cantilevered roof, while cutouts in the boardwalk and in the roof allow for views up and down to the water and to the sky. A wetlands edge restores the lake, while a wild rice field serves as demonstration, ecological management, and a source for the kitchen. The facility can be used year-round, with restrooms that can be separated and kept open, and a dining area that opens to outdoor seating. The building's gestures honor the land, the water, the earth, and the sky.

