

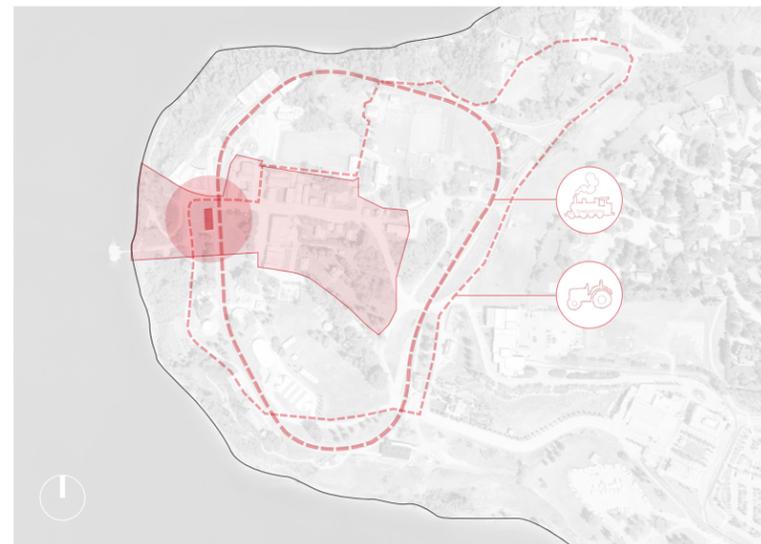
CONFLUENCE

Confluence uses snow as its building material, taking advantage of its inherent availability around the site as well as its beautiful material and light quality. This material is often overlooked due to its ephemeral nature, however, when manipulated into a reliable, long-lasting format, it has the potential to create a dynamic and memorable shelter experience that is in striking contrast to the architecture of Heritage Park.

Packed into a series of molds, the unique construction method allows the snow to take on a precise geometry of canted blocks. These are arrayed in a meandering form and stacked, creating a series of niches of different scales and a dynamic pattern of light and texture.

Taking inspiration from a river's dynamic, fluid path, Confluence offers park visitors a series of inward and outward-looking moments. Inhabitants are provided with focused views out to the park during the day or up towards the stars above at night. Simultaneously, the bends of the structure serve to bring visitors together to enjoy the warm company of one another.

Confluence is an evolution of a design idea and construction logic that was tested by the design team in Winnipeg in early 2023. This first implementation of the idea remained intact for 5 weeks.



The team has selected the western portion of the "Town Centre" area of Heritage Park due to its location at a confluence of city and nature as well as its proximity to the train station and tractor wagon trail. This siting allowing us to take advantage of the visitors both arriving to the site as well as viewing the installation while in a state of movement.

