APPROACH

“Grant Park is the most democratic park in the city. That’s the park that everyone feels is their park. That’s a good thing. Millennium is something different. But I tried to make all the things in it fun. It still has to be interesting to the average guy.”

-Ed Uhlir

MUST READ

The Millennium Park Effect: Creating a Cultural Venue with an Economic Impact (By Ed Uhlir, Economic Development Journal (vol. 4, No. 2, Spring 2005)

The Ark in the Park: The Story of the Lincoln Park Zoo (By Ed Uhlir, 2003)

ABOUT

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Millennium Park has received more than 30 awards, including the Barrier Free America Award, presented to Uhlir by the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Washington, D.C.

WORK

Design director of Millenium Park in Chicago, IL (2004)