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**NORTH GRANT PARK - MAGGIE DALEY PARK | CHICAGO, IL  
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN; CODE CONSULTING  
06/2010 - 12/2014**

Primera Engineers, Ltd. is part of the consultant team lead by Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates Inc. of New York, selected by the Chicago Park District to design the major reconstruction of the 20-acre North Grant Park/Maggie Daley Park located near Chicago's lakefront and major tourism centers of Millennium and Grant Parks. This project consists of the reinvention of the park space with a change in topography, pathways and planting. The project also introduces a children's exploration center and play area, a rock climbing wall, and an ice track skating ribbon. The buildings and pavilions include a new food/retail concession kiosk, new utility building housing the ice ribbon mechanical equipment, and renovations to the existing field house mechanical room. The project provides an added unique element as the park itself is located atop the existing underground East Monroe Parking Garage.

Primera provided all architectural, code consulting, mechanical, lighting controls design, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection engineering for the park and added buildings and pavilions.



Alumnae Biography

**BIOGRAPHY**

Jill is the Architecture Group Manager at Primera Engineers, Ltd. As a licensed architect and NCARB-Certified, she is well-versed in: architectural project planning and design, construction administration, project management, life safety analysis, and code consulting. With more than 16

years of experience in the building industry, Jill's background includes working with: institutional, commercial, higher education, healthcare and tenant renovation projects. Jill owes part of her success to the mentorship and guidance she received during her years at Washington University, especially during her tenure as a research assistant and teacher's

assistant. As a result of this work, Jill became passionate about helping others learn and grow. Her mentorship extends well beyond her team as she is also very heavily involved with the non-profit organization Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, as well as other professional organizations.