THE MAJORITY OF CHICAGANS WILL AGREE THAT SUMMER TIME IS AMAZING IN THE CITY. THERE ARE AMPLE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY WHILE THE BEACHES EXPLODE WITH ACTIVITY AND THE LAKEFRONT PATHS FLOW WITH A NEVER ENDING STREAM OF BIKERS, JOGGERS, AND TOURISTS. THESE SAME PLACES A FEW MONTHS LATER ARE COMPLETELY DESERTED LEAVING AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES UNFULFILLED.

THE CAUSE OF THIS DESERTION IS DUE TO PEOPLE NOT HAVING THE EXPOSURE OR OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THE WONDERFUL CYCLE OF SEASONS THIS CITY OFFERS. CHICAGO'S RECREATIONAL SEASONS ARE FOCUSED ENTIRELY ON THE SUMMER WHEN THE EVIDENCE OF PEOPLE WANTING TO ENJOY OTHER SEASONS IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM AS CAN BE SEEN AT MANY OF THE OUTDOOR ICE RINKS. ONE SIMPLY HAS TO LOOK AT CHILDREN SLEDDING DOWN A HILL COVERED IN SNOW GRINNING EAR TO EAR TO SEE THAT WINTER IS MORE THEN DREADING SNOW STORM TRAFFIC JAM TO THOSE WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO.

THE RECREATION CENTER'S GOALS REVOLVE AROUND CELEBRATING NATURE BY UTILIZING THE ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THOROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

- OPEN AIR MULTISEASON RINK
  - ICE RINK IN WINTER
  - INLINE RINK IN SUMMER
  - PROTECTED FROM RAIN/SUN
- ENCLOSED ATRIUM/ SPECTATORS
- SUPPORT BUILDING
  - LOCKERS, MAIN DESK, EQUIP. RENTAL, ADMIN OFFICES, MECH.
- ENCLOSED RINK
  - ICE RINK IN WINTER
  - INLINE RINK IN SUMMER
  - PROTECTED FROM RAIN/SUN

UTILIZING THE STRESS GRADIENTS, THE ETFE PANELS WERE DESIGNED TO FLOAT ON TOP OF THE NATURAL FORM OF THE CABLES.