Millennium Park, once an industrial wasteland was transformed into a world-class public park. In fact, from the 1850s until 1997, the land that is now occupied by Millennium Park was controlled by the Illinois Central Railroad and was covered with unsightly railroad tracks and parking lots.

What is now Millennium Park was first conceived in late 1997 with Mayor Richard M. Daley’s vision of turning the area into a new public space for residents of Chicago. The original plan called for a 16-acre park and outdoor music venue in the traditional Beaux Arts style of Grant Park. Today, the 24.5-acre Millennium Park represents an unprecedented public-private partnership, with the commitment of the private sector and the involvement of world-renowned architect Frank Gehry, the project evolved into an ambitious undertaking featuring a collection of world-renowned artists, architects, planners, landscape architects and designers.

Falk PLI was honored to be part of this historical project in providing site layout services for construction of the music venue.