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Domino Park

Brooklyn, NY

Lighting Workshop

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Domino Park has redefined how Brooklynites (and visitors) connect with their waterfront. It is a unique, 6 acre public park, part of a multi-use development on the edge of the former Domino Sugar Refinery. Remnants from the refinery have been salvaged and repurposed to preserve and honor the site's history. The lighting design celebrates the age and decay of the industrial artifacts with shades of white light.

To emphasize scale, color temperatures shift based on elevation. Human-scale lighting near the ground is warm, while grander elements are illuminated with gradually cooler color temperatures. The result is a unique composition and gradient when viewed from across the East River. Two cranes, along with steel columns from the old refinery, stand along the 5 block-long Artifact Walk. Continuous rail lighting is 3000K, while upper portions of the columns are emphasized with 3500K LED accent lights. The highest, most prominent objects in the park, two turquoise cranes, glow with 4000K sources, discreetly located within the structures to emphasize their skeletal qualities.

The dancing water feature provides a dramatic lighting energy, as it's purposely the only location where color-changing light is found. It attracts children and pets on hot summer days.

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