



In building the first real office for its growing Fire Prevention Bureau, the city of Fort Lauderdale chose a left-over portion of a lakeside site occupied by a 25 year old fire station. The property is partially under water. The lake was considered undesirable and a nuisance.

The placement of the building maximizes utilization of the site for parking and develops the amenity of the lake. This effort resulted in an east-west orientation and initiated the need for sun shading devices. The design of the sun shades and their integration into the frame work of the structure manifested itself as the primary three dimensional form of the building.

The sun shades are poured-in-place slabs which span between the extended "arms" of the parallel walls.

The building functions as a data keeping arm of the Fire Department, a plan review service visited by outside parties, and as a home base for a team of construction job site inspectors.

