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**Millennium** Park is a 24.5-acre park located in the heart of downtown Chicago. It is bordered by Michigan Avenue to the west, Columbus Drive to the east, Randolph Street to the north and Monroe Street to the south. The park features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists and designers — and is one of the most popular attractions in Chicago.

Christy Webber Landscapes has been performing maintenance at Millennium Park since the summer of 2007. Responsibilities encompass all aspects of the landscape, including turf care throughout the park (including the Great Lawn, where performances have drawn crowds as large as 10,000), irrigation, tree and shrub care and spring, summer and winter annual design and installations. Millennium Park is also one of the world's largest green roofs,

which creates its own special challenges, such as weight restrictions, planting medium, and drainage issues.

As a premier tourist attraction, Millennium Park must always look flawless. Performing maintenance on such a highly trafficked and prominent

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site can be challenging on many levels. Large numbers of visitors can cause damage to turf and other plants. There is no “down time” at the park, so evening work is occasionally required. In addition, public and private special events are held there, which can disrupt normally scheduled maintenance and demand special attention. The mayor frequently hosts dignitaries in the park.

Christy Webber Landscapes works closely with MB Realty, who manages the park, as well as the horticulturists from the City of Chicago, who maintain the Lurie Garden. Everyone is on board when large projects or park events are scheduled. Christy Webber Landscapes

regularly submits work schedules to coincide with the many events that take place there every day. Irrigation scheduling, plant installations and noise constraints are all taken into account when working around these large scale events.

It is an honor to be entrusted with keeping one of Chicago's most beautiful open spaces looking its best. ☘