

Holding On

Have you ever had the experience of seeing a tree that has somehow managed to colonize an inhospitable piece of land? How and why did it get there? Sometimes a tree ends up in a very uncommon place, remote and alone, but somehow alive, a testament to nature's ability to adapt to extreme conditions.

Our installation places a tree at the edge of a concrete plinth in a pool of water. An impervious surface in a seemingly inaccessible place. The twist here is that as visitors explore the site, they will realize that the plinth can be reached by a bridge, where they will find a pail they can use to water the tree. It forces visitors to make the decision as to whether or not they should water the tree and brings home the realization that we are part of the natural world and our decisions impact its trajectory. It's very possible that visitors could kill the tree from under or over watering. At the very least, we are hoping it will spark a conversation amongst visitors about what to do, a response to an image of isolation and a lack of community.



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Side Elevation



Rear Elevation

