At Jacob Park, the most notable feature is what can't be seen: the river. The North Branch of the Chicago River is practically invisible here, cut off from the park by not one but two fences and a thick edge of woods and brush.

At this point, the undeveloped bank of the river is fairly wide, with a significant strip of wooded habitat that could be restored and improved. The public park is turf grass, with a few ornamental plantings and benches. Preliminary plans include leasing the riverbank property from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, opening the river vistas and restoring the riverbank.