Elk Island National Park is home to five unique habitats. When looking at the park from a bird’s-eye view, the most noticeable feature is the undulating river that flows through and connects the many different landscapes to form one beautiful park. In the same aspect, a water element passes through the cluster forms that make up the Hostel. As you flow from one form to the next, the water element is always visible to connect you back to Elk Island’s landscapes.

On the south side of the building there are Trombe wall assemblies that have a thermal conductivity level of $k=175.4$ BTU·in/HR·°F·ft². This shows that the Trombe wall will transmit 9,636,000 btu’s over a time period of 12 hours. This will drastically reduce the load of the air conditioning unit. Louvers allow cool air in the Summer to pass through the wall assembly. Not only will the guests feel connected to Elk Island National Park but they will do it in comfortable surroundings while helping the environment.