MEMORIAL IN THE SKY

The experience of mourning is a complex process. We strive therefore to create not an artifact or Architecture to be observed, but instead an evolving platform of experiences. A sunken dais, floating just below the IJ's surface, filled with a shallow layer of water, acts as mirror to the sky by calming the waters to a perfect plane. Radiating atolls of native Dutch plants will grow and provide life for migratory birds, insects, and aquatic species. Slender, tall columns offer a fixed condition to juxtapose the amorphic geometry of the clouds and the growth of the trees over time. "Memorial in the sky" brings us closer to the event of MH17 by means of a spatial empathy. The visitor is transported to a new spatial realm, floating between the clouds, the sun, the columns, and the trees, where they may walk, sit, play, dream, and remember with those lost in the sky aboard flight MH17. Where MH17 ended with profound loss, we begin this memorial with the creation of life.