The Lowline, a proposed subterranean park seeks to repurpose an unused trolley station on the Lower East Side. The park will be illuminated and sustained through captured, redirected sunlight. A recent exhibition, entitled “Imagining the Lowline” included a full-scale mockup to demonstrate the feasibility of the design to the public. The lighting design team worked with the design team on testing, technology integration, material study, and geometric relationships, which were used to effectively distribute sunlight, balancing the proportion of direct and diffused light that would support plant life, while at the same time, facilitating a uniquely lively, verdant public space.

"This is a really thoughtful, technical investigation on how to bring light down into an underground space. Light pours through the oculus and is dispersed throughout to its outer reaches and it demonstrates the mastery of lighting."
— Lumen Awards Jury