

Iconic:

Our iconic Landmark is a 'community gift' in the form of a Tree of Life. This heuristic metaphor symbolizes humankind's inseparable link with earth and the process of its making, craftsmanship and construction are themselves conceived as offertory reiterations and renewal of order in the microcosmic universe. This ubiquitous theme structures the entire multigenerational visitor experience, with sub-themes of connecting nature, people, cultures, and technology.

Innovation:

Two interlocking quaternary inverted pyramids geometrically house an inner, colorful spiraling rotunda with a breathtaking access-compliant exhibition ramp. A transformative, multimedia curated journey is envisioned as one gently ascends from ground level upwards or travels by elevators to the top and descends. It tells the story of how the region reinvented itself, from the Valley of the Heart's Delight to the thriving Silicon Valley. Storytelling of successful adaptation strategies from past, present and future dreams guided by artificial intelligence through interactive, artistic displays are explored. In our smart monument, we recognize the shift from broadcast to narrowcast, creating a personalized narrative for a sustainable life.

Environment:

On site, the five Mediterranean Chaparral biomes of the world are symbolized by earthen knolls, covered in native California Oat grass, reminiscent of Ohlone shell mounds and natural habitats. The largest mound houses the San Jose Landmark tower. Within this form, the visitor observes eco-friendly vertical farms, enjoys organic produce served in the geodesic-domed food court, attends cultural/educational events in the amphitheater, or traverses from West to East via plaza monorail, symbolically tying both halves of the earth's continents and cultures.

Net-Zero:

As a tree built of seismically-designed, fireproof-safe, environmentally-friendly and cost-effective cross-laminated timber, the structure rises 200' tall. Four corners house indoor vertical farms growing local foods. The interior rotunda is surrounded by operable sun-shading wood screens on four sides, ventilating the volume and maintaining a comfortable mixed-mode conditioned environment. The rooftop holds a large array of solar panels, rainwater collection with basement wastewater treatment and recycling. We aspire to a net-zero, organically sustainable building.

Light:

The entire park is conceived as a canvas modulated by light. From the welcoming ground entry of the Landmark spiraling upwards in color, space opens up to a serene gathering place that views the outer world. At night, color fields illuminate the two rivers and undulating earthen mounds, inspiring emotional effects of luminosity and inner reflection towards transcendent visions in infinite space: "So as Above, So as Below:" One Earth.