

TEMPLE OF NATURE

Arena Green site is a nature's miracle in the heart of San Jose's urban environment. Our Proposal "Temple of Nature" celebrates the beauty of nature by creating a spatial experience through dynamic parametric structure and engagement of the surrounding environment with architecture. The Icon (Temple of Nature) will be located in the central portion of the Arena Green site on the Northern side of Guadalupe River between St. John Street and Confluence point.

The Icon will act as a bridge pavilion which will connect the Arena green west to Arena green east through Guadalupe River. The form of an icon evolved from regular hexagram, which allows an individual to capture the breathtaking vistas of Arena Green through its six fins, which are formed by doubly sheltered hyperbolic paraboloid roof. The parametric structural form of an icon celebrates the innovation and technological advancement in Silicon Valley, which facilitates generating the intricate geometric shapes. The circular path surrounded the central void inside the Icon allows an Individual to observe the beauty, sound, and depth of the Guadalupe River. The Oculus (circular opening in the center of a roof) enables the penetration of sun rays inside the structure. Sunrays combined with mist will form a "Rainbow" inside. The mist will be created through an artificial mechanism located around Oculus. Natural lighting, Open cross ventilation, and use of locally available material will minimize the carbon footprint, hence will make this Icon as "Net Zero."

Temple of Nature will provide a unique opportunity to the viewers to enjoy the phenomenal beauty of nature and innovation in its most mystical way.