

COME TOGETHER

The Urban Confluence Silicon Valley Open Design Competition calls for a transformative iconic structure intended to be a symbol of Silicon Valley. This submission proposes a bold design for Arena Green informed by the surrounding natural and urban environment as well as providing a sense of place for the community. The intervention is a structure canopy of varied height that gives spatial definition and supports programs and amenities in Arena Green. It creates a place for the community to serve as the City's front yard – a place to gather for the Sharks' victory rally, to watch movies in the park, to gather for a jazz festival or impromptu session, or have dinner with friends and family.

Overall Approach

The structure is horizontal to reflect the existing contextual site lines of the SAP Center arena floor and roof, the riverbeds at Confluence Point and elevated Highway 87. It also responds to a larger urban fabric of lower-rise development that allows for framed views to the natural environment, both immediately at the river confluence and beyond to the surrounding mountains.

The Canopy Pavilion in Arena Green West is a focal point for the park and is in dialogue with the SAP Center across the street. The Canopy Structure at Arena Green East is linear and layered to reinforce the park edge and emphasize the adjacent trails. This structure is interrupted to allow for gathering areas and gardens.

Metaphor

The structure is a triangular system of an overhead canopy or frame and vertical support columns. The three-dimensional frame is a metaphor to technology, network and connection; its form allows for architectural play of light and shadow, void and closure. Additionally, the colors of the interior structure blends with the greens and blues within the park while the exterior colors are red and oranges to contrast with the park and be prominent.