

The Tree of Life

Rising above the banks of the Guadalupe River, the Tree of Life is an emblem of hope and memory. Centered around a centuries-old sequoia tree that exemplifies California's oldest living beings, the Tree brings the deep time of the Bay Area into the present. Lifted up on construction elements that we usually use to make freeways, the Tree centers a forest of green rising up on ramps and platforms as both a human-made answer to the Coastal Ranges and a celebration of life. Across the River, this complex faces the Memory Mound, a buried, but light-filled site of remembrance.