

Project Statement

Great achievements do not simply happen by chance. Great achievements are a product of trial and error, asking for advice, referencing precedents, and perseverance. For San Jose, the reputation as a technological hub, thriving diversity, and continuous regeneration should be proudly celebrated to thank all the people who have contributed to the city's great achievements. Arena Green in the Guadalupe River Park will host the celebratory landmark which illuminates where San José has been, where the city is, and where it is headed.

Located between historic Downtown and new developments this site will serve as a physical connection between past and present. Centrally located on site is the confluence of the Guadalupe River and Los Gatos Creek which emphasize the metaphor for connections this site demonstrates. The design will focus on physical connections to reconnect the community of San José and pay homage to the people who built the city. The grand overhead structures seen throughout the proposed design serve as a physical response to the social influences seen throughout San Jose. The design holds cultural significance, and it also enhances riparian habitat by decreasing sound pollution and allowing the riparian corridor to potentially be expanded in the future.

Great success is built on a firm foundation and in San José's case, global immigration and continued communication created a firm foundation for persistent success. Globalization does in fact shape cities, and the state-of-the-art, net zero, techniques are collaborative and built upon. Arena Green at the Guadalupe River Park will showcase the network of global connections through landscape and architectural techniques on site and will focus on enhancing circulation, as well as activating programmatic space.