

## Project Statement

The main inspiration for the MazZone Garden project came from the tradition of labyrinths in the culture of gardening. Its dense atmosphere and efficient use of space often enclose within hedges or walls inviting the public for a moment of contemplation. Using “simple” netting material, the creators put the concept of “net” in the foundation of the project and, thus, get into interplay with the “networks” crucial for Silicon Valley communities.

The shape of the labyrinth repeats the organic molecular structures that symbolize the transition/change in the movement. Passing through the maze is a transformation, a new experience, something that leads "one's self" out of a state of inertia. The labyrinth construction will be accompanied with climbing plants and flowers growing on the netting and therefore, creating the natural framing of the human-made environment. While some flowers will blossom and others fade, the labyrinth is meant to be a “living sculptural installation” changing in time.

The dominant columns made of the wire netting aim to unite the Bay area communities through referencing Californian sequoias and hedges of the botanical maze. The fact of flipping the primary use of the wire netting plays a symbolic role and provokes thinking around issues of justice and global solidarity which are so relevant today. Objects made out of dark shiny wire netting have a special quality of merging with the environment due to its transparency and ability to reflect light in the daytime and sun-battery powered lighting at night.

Our interactive garden will attract the Bay community through the Augmented Reality game experience. Maze-based computer games were among the most popular of all times. AR game app will add an additional layer of quest and discovery with alternative tracks for kids and grown-ups. The different “zones” of the maze garden will offer a variety of activities for visitors virtually and physically. The app will be developed in partnership a company which is a pioneer in developing AR public art projects. We envision that the AR game can be updated regularly with new elements, puzzles, or artworks by announcing a seasoned call to AR artists.

The MazZone Garden is essential in the context of modern urban environment full of interruptions. Both the garden and the virtual maze game will change in time and visitors will always have something new to discover. We are confident that MazZone will landmark the Gateway to Silicon Valley to welcome everyone.