

PROJECT STATEMENT

Innovation is not an absolute, unalloyed good.

Almost always it's accompanied by some level of conflict.

PLAYFOUND uses shape, water, light and a variety of opportunities for movement to engage Visitor-Users to reflect, ponder and meditate on the nature of Innovation and our response to it.

It seeks to tell more of the story.

Not just a cheerleader sliver.

What are the FOUNTAINS? Nozzles braiding water, hope braiding will.

The water represents our actions both conscious and unconscious. Both intentional and serendipitous. Both personal and corporate. These actions could be manufacturing an innovative design or giving speeches on how people can relate to one another.

Most actions attract no tributaries, but some enough to sculpt the Grand Canyon or become the Global operating system.

For those who're more kinesthetic rather than intellectual, they'll be drawn to running up a staircase which is 66.5 feet tall and then enjoying the view of San Jose. 41 feet above them water projected in different shapes, directions and volumes will share a tale. For those who use wheelchairs there's a tramway that will carry them to the same perch. Sometimes at night water becomes light.

Lots of places to picnic and play.

Across the street from the SAP Center on the east side of Autumn Street the parking area has been increased slightly to create a place where food trucks can park.

PLAYFOUND depicts the creative process. On its best days it aspires to inspire. It looks forward to welcome workers from the Google village. A lunch break can segue into a jam session working through a problem.

Visitor-Users can start their journey in a subterranean space called the ORACLE OF OUR PAST. It has projections on a curving wall which depict the flow of innovation for the last 75,000 years. School children and artists from around the world will have their movies depicting innovation and their response projected.

Net Energy Zero?

To the west and south of the tennis courts on the east side of Arena Green there will be elevated racks supporting photovoltaic arrays. They'll provide power, shade and roosting for bats and birds. For nighttime and overcast days a Tesla battery will provide power. All materials will be selected to have the lowest embedded carbon and embedded energy. One criteria used to license food trucks will be how small their foods Ecological Footprint is.