

Digital Commons

What does it mean to build an icon for the 21st century public? *Digital Commons* is a catalytic proposal for San Jose that complexly intertwines nature, culture, and technology to explore connection and disconnection within urbanity and digital life. The proposal consists of a distributed *Digital Forest* providing public programming and free public wifi through a wireless mesh network, spaces called *Reflectories* that afford the rare opportunity to disconnect from ubiquitous digital technology by blocking cellular signals, and an *Observatory* that explores the various ways that we see and are seen in today's digitally-expanded public sphere.