

The Bird's Nest (Green Area East)

The bird's nest will be constructed of wood and feature a boardwalk. It will soar above the trees at 80' and allow people to view wildlife from a bird point-of-view. The boardwalk will allow people to exercise while enjoying hiking through the treetops. The end of the boardwalk will feature a look-out tower giving people 360 degrees of views of the beautiful San Jose area. The Ground level will give people access to the inside of the bird's nest, filled with trees, plants, flowers, and birds. The structure will be eco-friendly and is a net-zero project as there will be no walls or electricity needed for the area.

The Head and the Heart... (Green area west)

The museum and sculpture area will take advantage of natural lighting and will include features like a hanging garden, waterfalls, seating area, ADA compliant, a glass elevator, Low-Energy lighting, and have concrete block walls where necessary to help create the circular and spiral forms of the structure. There will be several roof top garden areas, several rooms inside for sculptures and themed art pieces. At night, the head and the heart become illuminated via LED strands to give an electric type of appearance. The heart will be red, the brain or mind will be blue, and the connection between them will be white. I want to make this piece an American Icon, but also a culturally diverse sculpting piece utilizing glass and metal throughout. The idea is to get people thinking logically (the mind) and emotionally (the heart).

The amphitheater will be a place for TED Talks, conferences, concerts, and local gatherings. There are plenty of seating for over 250 people. Storage and restrooms are located below the seating area and can be accessed through the front or the rear/splash area side. Above the amphitheater stage will feature a secondary stage or balcony. Behind the amphitheater seating will be concessions and local vendors or even a gift shop.

The splash area will keep kids entertained and will allow adults to get a little bit of rest. This will bring a fun yet separate area for the family to enjoy.

Alongside the spray area will be the playground area where kids can play without getting wet.

When it comes to cultural barriers, kids playing together, not recognizing race or ethnicity differences. This is where loving others starts.