

INFINITE MOSAIC: THE SAN JOSE LIGHT TOWER

The City of San Jose has captured the world's imagination as a place of infinite possibilities - a place where diverse communities converge to invent the future. Fueled by innovation, it is a city characterized by exponential growth. San Jose's exceptional ascent is evident everywhere, characterized in charts and graphs that reveal the **UPWARD ARC** of growth and innovation.

This extraordinary legacy was created centuries before, where abundant sunshine, rich soils, and the confluence of two rivers nourished a place of infinite possibilities. Few other cities in the world are identified with such diversity: of ideas, of people, and of invention. **INFINITE MOSAIC: THE SAN JOSE LIGHT TOWER** embodies the connection of diverse communities and natural ecologies.

Two primary paths converge, connecting the city and the landscape of the Los Gatos/Guadalupe, that together intersect and ascend to create a legible landmark on the horizon. Sheltered by a pixelated solar mosaic, the **URBAN SHADE CANOPY** at the southwest entry of the park orients transit commuters, residents, and tourists discovering the city. Its generous canopy provides welcome shade and cover for hosting festivals, farmer's markets, and programmed or spontaneous events while generating energy to illuminate the **INFINITE MOSAIC TOWER** at night. The **GUADALUPE PROMENADE AND BRIDGE** connects to the river trails and extends north along the walkways up into the park. The design recognizes that the urban and ecological connections must extend well beyond the immediate site. **THE GREEN** is created by the sweep of the **GUADALUPE PROMENADE** as it veers north. Here, this new open space accommodates active and passive play, large and intimate groups. Along the promenade, extensive new landscaping will build on the micro-ecologies that line the Guadalupe River.

Together, these two paths converge to form the base of **THE LIGHT TOWER**. The **OBSERVATORY**, positioned at its pinnacle, offers panoramic views and allows the visitor to enjoy the contrast between the activities of the ground plane and the infinite opportunities of the horizon.

From different viewpoints, the silhouette of the **INFINITE MOSAIC** tower can be seen as a slender ascending arc that illuminates the intertwined history of San Jose's progress and innovation. From far away, its ephemeral silhouette changes from day to night. During the day, it collects solar energy while reflecting the colors of the surrounding city and sky, and as dusk becomes night, the stippled light of the tower appears as a diaphanous scrim on the horizon.