

Waterfall bridge was born from a desire to provide a **moment of silence**, a pause, **a peaceful escape** from a busy, ever so stressful environment of the modern city, enabling **a true reconnection to our roots, connection with nature and each other**.

In this project the symbol of San José embodies the respect its citizens have to the **unity of a human and its environment**, an idea of a **mindful and caring relationship to our habitat**.

The waterfall is spreading over a large circular glass canopy, that covers an intimate garden below. In this garden hidden by the wall of water, one may find a moment of silence. Imagine variety of **constantly changing patterns of water** playing on the ground and a **humming sound of falling water**. The circle is constructed around a structural core with spiral stairs leading on to a view terrace with **an elevated views of Guadalupe river and its trails**. Terrace welds into a bridge leading to the Arena Green East and in the middle of that bridge visitors are presented with **the best perspective view over the length of the Guadalupe river park** all the way to the San José Airport.

West side of the Arena Green was prioritized for this project location due to better urban connectivity attracting visitors from the SAP center and having a larger footprint to accommodate the design.

Structurally, on a conceptual stage, the glass is expected to be cantilevered around 60' beyond the columns with lattice glulam structure below. The core of the stairs may be steel or concrete structure. An underground level is expected to house necessary filters and pumps for the waterfall.

Further in the design **smart system of interactive water control** that could control the flow of water to interact with visitors, **accessibility systems** and **lightning design** could introduce more richness to the project.

Planning includes necessary service facilities (WC and mech rooms) and a potential commercial unit for a city tourist merchandise or a small café. In terms of accessibility there may be 2 options: elevators at the West Entrance leading to a bridge and terrace as separate stops; or an inclined platform lifts on both entrance staircases.