

The Heart at the Center of San Jose

A Place to Play, Feast ,Learn, Gather and Forage.

A Park of Inclusion, History, Preservation, Nature, Ecology, Technology, Introspection and Play

Made of Paths, Bridges, Tunnels, Plants, Water, Gardens, Sculptures, Wood and Sunlight.

Uniting the two sides of the Guadalupe River, The Heart of The Valley unites San Jose's culture of innovative ideas with its rich natural history.

Seen from above (by plane or on Google maps) the park's pathways and bridges form the outline of a human heart.

On earth, the park's two separate areas are the heart's two major arteries. They connect through pathways that guide visitors through the history of San Jose while surrounding them with the native flora that makes San Jose so rich in natural beauty.

These pathways will be intertwined with each other creating an outline of a The human heart that can only be seen from the air when flying in or out of San Jose airport or from the upper floors of buildings that will surround the park.

By day, the pathway's surfaces will be colored in rich tones that highlight the natural beauty of the park. At night their phosphorescent glow will make them shimmer and be visible to park visitors as well as people looking down at the park from planes and nearby buildings. Built with advanced design and engineering technologies, the embedded strands of light and interactive displays are powered by renewable energy and activated by living interactions.

Winding its way through the park like a vein, an endless communal table with seating will invite residents and visitors to rest, eat, gather, and enjoy the park. Along the way arteries of fountains will supply fresh drinking water, orchards will bearing fruit to eat and native plantings will tell a story of our shared planet and its natural resources.

Utilizing the power of data and the spirit of innovation that pervades San Jose, sensors will be used to track changes to the shells of the bridges and structures over time and monitor the physical response to park traffic for the plants and wild animals such as the owls, bats, birds, and insects that are so important to the harmony and ecology of the area.