

*Wings of San Jose V (Pronounced Turn A) Silicon Valley Project Statement*

Creating a central hub for the city, this proposal creates a place where all can join in harmony with nature and advancement. Enhancing the experience of those visiting by providing something unique. A true *net-zero* monument!

The project would be the *largest* modern era timber structure construction and lead the way in *Green Building*. This proposal can show the world the future of environmentally friendly building practices. *Cross Laminated Timber* is renewable, earthquake and fire resistant. *CLT* is the future of building if we are to combat *Climate Change*. Trees used in construction would be replanted and on-site would be arranged in more efficient way.

The design is an amalgamation of various forms surrounding the site creating a structural valley celebrating balance with nature, influenced by the cultures of the region. No acre is taken away from original park and is instead increased using artificial hills to hide subterranean spaces.

Structures house grand spaces and observation area. Atop hills are native vegetations and upgraded park facilities. Eastern hill contains sport facilities and restaurant at base of structure. Western hill creates an urban experience, enhancing dull *SAP* facade. Linkage to *SAP Center* by skybridge to site is possible. Elevated walkways create a safer path for pedestrians and offers views along the riparian canopy to give new perspective on the river confluence, while offering views of monuments. *Photovoltaic* panels are integrated throughout walkways providing power for the lighting of structures.

Platforms overlooking open fields can be used for performances, rallies, etc. Vendors can sell onsite creating a lively atmosphere. Berm with trees can alleviate highway noise while the structures themselves might lower sound from passing airplanes.

The project re-activates *Weaver's Gift* with foliage growing from the elevated center platform. Enhances *Five Skaters* by converting area into a courtyard. In addition, park station matches structure architecture.

To alleviate homeless issue, they can be employed as landscapers, park officials, security etc. given increase in foot-traffic and problems associated. In addition, small taxes taken from profit on-site can be used for worthy causes.

Structures can be used for nightly light projections, special events, art/public-installation opportunities. Films can be shown as well for further enhancement (either beneath hill incline or within structural valley.) Structures are visible from a distance and can be seen from various points on the *Guadalupe Trail*. This project uses timber in a way never seen before to create *new environmentally innovative icons!*