

## “@” Connects Everyone and Everything!

For San Jose there can be no more iconic image than the “@” (At Sign), symbolizing the universality of technology and the successes of Silicon Valley. “@”, Connects Everyone and Everything!

A confluence of visual, technological, architectural, and environmental experiences, the structural “@” venue of the West Pavilion and sister “e-w@lk” of the East Pavilion shall be transformative for the city. The heart of San Jose will no longer be just the vortex for the world’s technology influencers, it will be the soul of a cultural center for the world to enjoy. A landmark destination for people of all ages.

Our vision does justice to Urban Confluence’s mission to inspire and reflect, teach and discover, and be something uniquely special and universally admired.

An elegant wood and glass structure on the Westside, the “@” is designed to organically emerge from the ground and rise above the tree line. Integrated into the parkland by day, dramatically lit at night. Segmented by tiers whose interior spaces can be used in numerous ways to serve the public: exhibition, gathering, art, music, etc. Mechanicals such as elevators, plumbing and environmentally sustainable technology are seamlessly and innovatively built into the wooden parts of the structure and atop the roof. The construct of the “@” allows for the central interior spaces to be flooded with natural daylight, and exterior by creative illumination in the evening.

The Eastside Pavillion (the “e-w@lk”), is a cleverly landscaped High-Line-like experience. A multi-tiered collection of nooks and crannies, observation points, paths of various design and fauna. A natural counterpoint to the physical structure of the Westside. The “e-w@lk” is an open spaced forum encouraging visitors to enjoy their environment, socialize and people-watch, or find respite with one’s own thoughts. Yet at any given point people shall be able to visually embrace the resplendence of the “@”, Westside structure.

Needless to say there shall be many ways to integrate sustainable energy sources within both venues. (Think wind, solar or even waterpower.) The two pavilions can be unified through a walkway spanning the river. But they don’t have to. They will be integrated through visual, environmental, experiential, and spiritual connection.

Immutably, the “@” and the “e-w@lk”, is San Jose’s exceptional symbol of universal connectivity. A gift of physical, educational, experiential and personal connection from a city of great accomplishments to the world it has so greatly influenced.