

## Project Statement

Early research convinced me that my goal a totally integrated site. A scheme combining the dual location became my point of departure. The context of architectonic design in the public realm is crucial and on this large site a single entity would not fulfil the stake-holders' expressed thoughts suggesting a desire for an environment which is culturally diverse with an integrated narrative. With this in mind I offer a comprehensive "Total Vision" for the project site for consideration.

### ● Iconic Tower

The structure of the tower was inspired with the San Jose City seal emblem in mind, the dominant motif being the wheat-sheaf. It is envisaged as a pentangle helical steel frame structure, with a copper and glass curtain wall cladding. The pinnacle has a large viewing platform.

### ● Highline-Low Line Promenade

The steel and glass garden bridge has a dual level promenade. Its structure is a combination of an elliptical arch and suspension bridge.

The bridge serves to unify the park space and in itself can be an educative and recreational asset.

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### ● Canopy-Jetty Pools

Wood pier high level boardwalk, designed with a series of glass bottomed swimming pools, beneath the tropical garden tree canopy.

The boardwalk is accessed by glazed elevators at each end of the structure or from the bridge crossing.

### ● Tropical Forest

Occupying the southeast side of the site, under the boardwalk, a tropical forest would be cultivated, trails in its undergrowth generated from use by joggers, walkers and strollers encouraging interface with this exotic habitat.

### ● Traditional Maze:

A fixed planted traditional yew or similar garden maze inspired by the classical European labyrinth and the Native American "Man in a Maze".

### ● Pollution Absorption

A formal array of trees, hedges and shrubs sited along the interface between the park and highway 87 eg., Turkish Oaks, Purple Beech Hedge, Oak Leafed Holly, vegetation with excellent pollution filtering properties.

Inclusive points for consideration:

All element and structures in this proposal can be interfaced with energy saving technologies including developments in hydroponics, water filtration and UV antibacterial treatments and the deployment of Graphene energy generating plastic films (as they become commercially available).

The lighting strategy would be twofold:

1. Bat, bird and animal sensitive areas would embrace developments similar to Zuidhoek Nieuwkoop in the Netherlands.
2. Drone projection lighting for accurate directional display on the larger structures.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concept.