

## THE LYNX

Is it a mountain? a sculpture? a hypertrophied Grizzly roller coaster?

It's the Lynx! A monument as you have never seen before!

A new monumental concept for our century which enhances all the values we yearn for in our future: dynamism, community, nature... Please DO TOUCH! The Lynx provides a frame for the convergence, a natural space to protect and to enhance, and a monumental door for the Guadalupe River on its way to the San Francisco Bay.

A bridge (300 feet span) and a tower (200 feet high) defy the structural wooden frame building with the newest computer assisted design and production, all within a strict Forest Stewardship Council certification. While nineteenth century builders erected their monuments in cast iron, today's building edge belongs to sustainable laminated wood.

Nature is welcomed into this versatile structure. Just as the Santa Clara Fisherman's Wharf which houses the sea lions, the Lynx promises to be a safe place for otters, beavers (sorry pals. our pillars will be rodent proofed) and a place for birds to nest and greens to grow.

Solar power is used to pump water to the top of the structure to provide a potential energy supply and to liberate various streams which will run down in special earth-filled cellular glass channels by different paths, designed to sustain an ecosystem where local plants and seeds will grow up. As the water runs down, the convergence ecosystem will climb up, developing a vertical green park.

The Lynx will be a social space, with trails for pedestrians and cycle paths and traditional "plazas" that will invite san joseans to meet and hang out. They can come hiking, running, cycling, playing, or socializing in an inhabitable vertical multilinked structure which will become a clear and significant landmark where they, and the local ecosystem, will animate the monument.

At night, the Lynx will echo the San Jose Tower. A powerful set of beam lights will point out events, site gatherings, and events taking place within the valley. During the summer nights sprinklers and streams will create a cool environment for hanging out after dinner.

An industrial elevator system will provide the public an opportunity to comfortably ascend and descend through the park. The whole structure will be accessible through ramps and stairs which will provide multiple options for meetings and itineraries.

There is nothing quite like this. Let's get it built!