

Lightscape is an interactive artwork, created out of the sky and the natural systems that surround it. Unlike traditional art and architecture, this work will have the ability to grow, live and change continuously. As our society moves into the future, we want destinations that we can interact and engage with.

Light & Dark - This sculpture is designed as a light sculpture for all times of day. From dawn until dusk, Lightscape is gently in motion, using both natural and artificial light. As the sun passes overhead, the artwork reflects the dynamic Northern California sun across the faceted geometry. At dusk the artwork becomes a place to view the sun slowly disappearing beyond the distant horizon. And as dusk shifts to night, the artwork transforms into a color-changing beacon of light. Elegant lines of light rake across the vegetation and reflective surfaces. The soft LED lights gently change and transform with quiet rhythms of color shifts, akin to a slow moving musical composition.

The interior of the sculpture will be created with angled mirrored stainless steel, producing a kaleidoscopic effect. Opening to the sky above, light will reflect through the interior. This will be an oasis for the viewer, both a communal and a private place to spend time. Each moment, the sculpture will appear differently. Inside will be a lush botanic space, vegetation mixed with large flat stone to create a public space that is inherently natural and organic. It will be a sanctuary in the middle of a modern world.

Two sets of stairs will elegantly wrap around the exterior surface. They meet at the top and connect to reveal an observation deck. The beautiful public viewing deck creates a retreat from the everyday, revealing a view that stretches out over the horizon to reveal the bay over the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Lightscape is intended for the viewer to discover and to be empowered. The artwork will create a beautiful and unique environment to explore. The native vegetation connects seamlessly with the Guadalupe River Park and will enhance the elegant and minimal design.

This project will use the most advanced technologies and building materials that embody an ecological building approach. Through the material selection and building of the artwork, Lightscape will align with the advanced technologies that Silicon Valley is renowned for while maintaining a distinct respect for the environment through sustainable building materials.