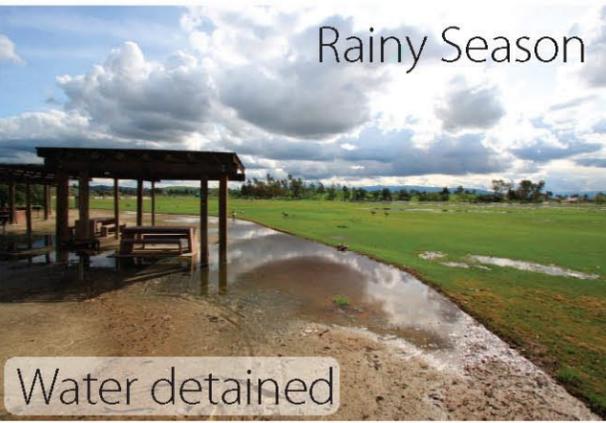


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Lake Cunningham has a short history. Dug on the site of a historic marsh, the lake was designed to help with flood protection. Accepting stormwater overflows from Silver, Ruby and Flint Creeks, the lake has served this purpose since 1982.

In times of heavy rain, the banks of Lake Cunningham overflow onto the Big Meadow and other areas within the perimeter berm. When the water dries out, salts are left behind creating challenging growing conditions.



PROJECT SITE

Lake Cunningham Park is a regional resource that serves residents throughout San Jose. It is also a vital resource for the neighborhoods near the park including Evergreen, West Evergreen and K.O.N.A. neighborhoods.

Many groups find a home for their activities at Lake Cunningham Park including Boy Scouts, boating clubs, San Jose State University, Santa Clara Audubon Chapter, and many others.

FISHING

The California Department of Fish and Game host 'Fishing in the City' events throughout the state. These provide opportunities for kids to learn to fish and explore their local lakes. The city also offers free tackle rental programs for children in summer months.



A DAY IN THE PARK

The diversity of San Jose is shared in the annual event hosted by the city 'A Day in the Park' held at Lake Cunningham. The community comes together for food, arts and crafts, entertainment and other activities.



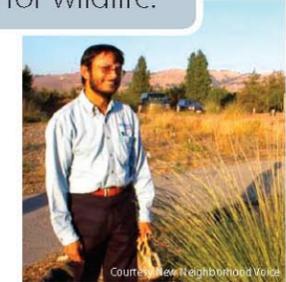
BOATING

Many locals acquire their boating skills at Lake Cunningham, and find a home with one of the local organizations such as the Kamali'i O KeKai Outrigger Canoe Club.



NATIVE GARDEN

The Lake Cunningham Volunteers work to establish and maintain a 'Native Plant Garden', which serves as a demonstration of native plant horticulture and providing forage for wildlife.



COMMUNITY

Lake Cunningham Park is a community resource for recreation and is also home for a variety of flora and fauna. As San Jose became the largest city in Northern California, many species moved into less urban areas. Places like Lake Cunningham provide a unique opportunity to observe the birds, mammals, fish, insects and plants that live there part or all of the year.

Many species of birds are observed here, and it has become a haven for waterfowl and birders alike. Native plant communities that are represented on site include Riparian and Coyote Brush Scrub. Non-native trees, shrubs and grasses are also found on site.

PLANT COMMUNITIES

- Non-native Ornamental 1
- Trees And Shrubs
- Non-native Grassland 2
- Coyote Brush Scrub 3
- Riparian 4



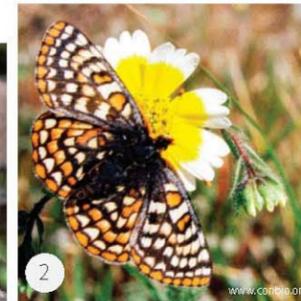
OBSERVED SPECIES

- Long-eared Bats 1
- Jack Rabbits 2
- Snowy White Egrets 3
- Black Tailed Deer 4
- White Pelicans
- Cottontail Squirrels
- Canadian Geese 5
- Great Blue Heron 6
- Other Waterfowl
- Western Mastiff Bats
- California Meadow Vole



REGIONAL RARE SPECIES
California Biogeography Data

- Western Pond Turtle 1
- Opler's Longhorn Moth
- Bay Checkerspot Butterfly 2
- California Tiger Salamander 3
- Burrowing Owl
- Big-scale Balsamroot
- Round-leaved Filaree
- Congdon's Tarplant
- Robust Spineflower
- Mt. Hamilton Fountain Thistle
- Santa Clara Valley Dudleya
- Hall's Bush-mallow 4
- Fragrant Fritillary 5
- Hoary Bat
- Contra Costa Goldfields
- Hom's Micro-blind Harvestman
- Hairless Popcorn-flower
- Metcalf Canyon Jewel-flower



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HABITAT



DISCOVERY



LOOK

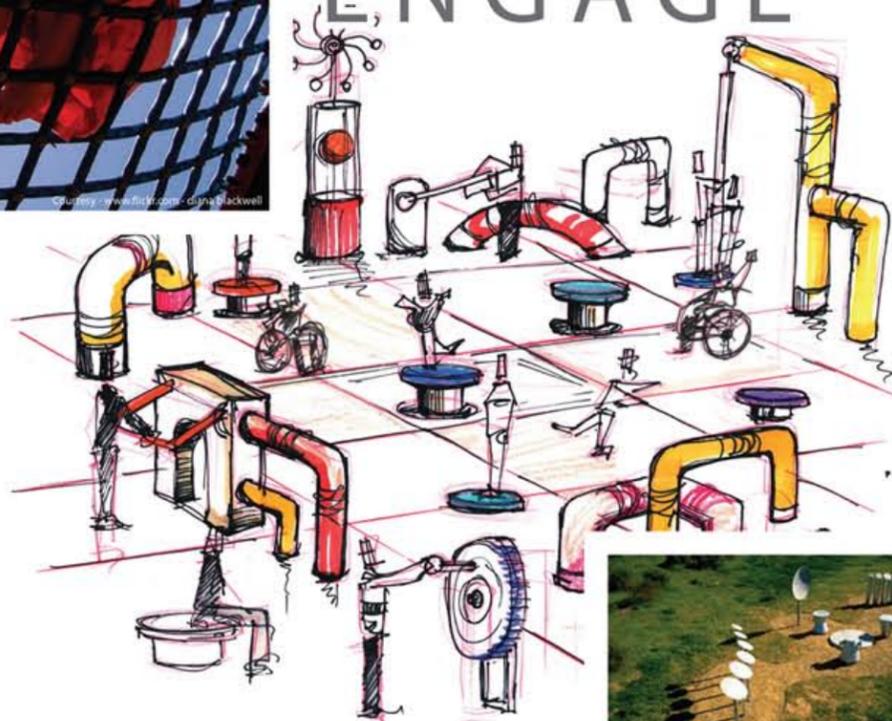


WHIMSY



LEARN

ENGAGE



SENSORY

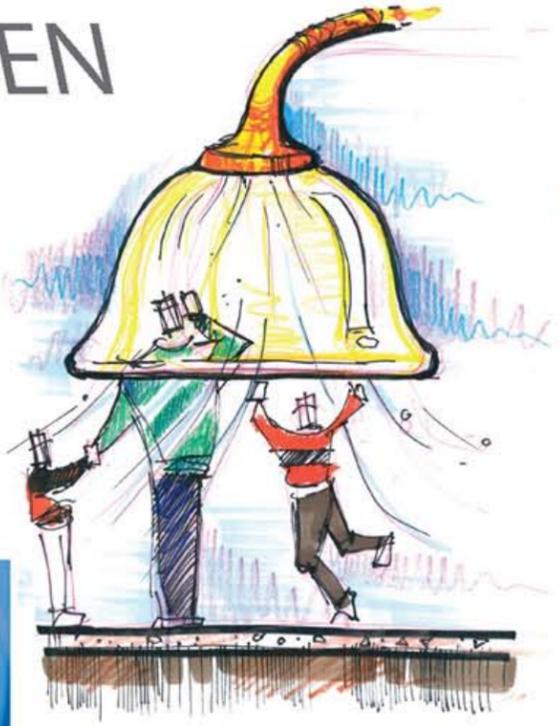
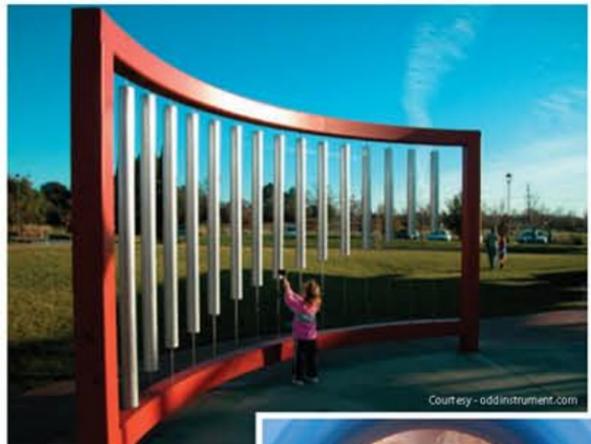
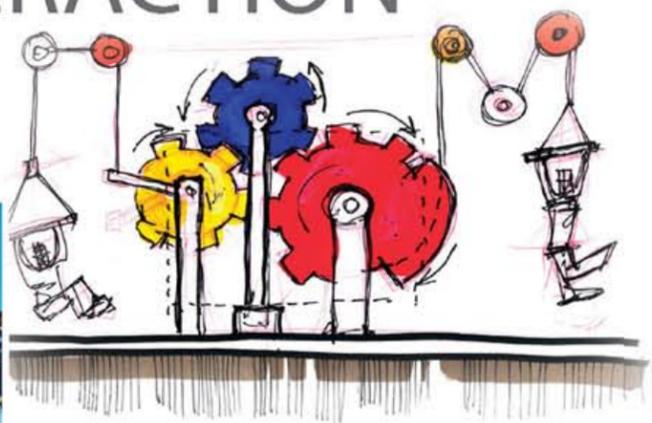


WIND

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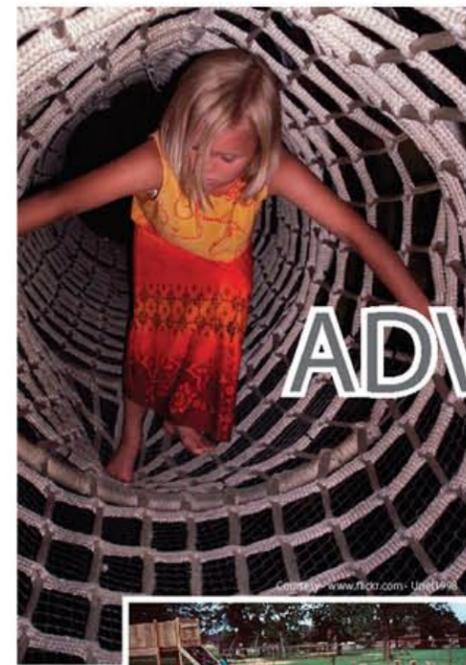
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LISTEN

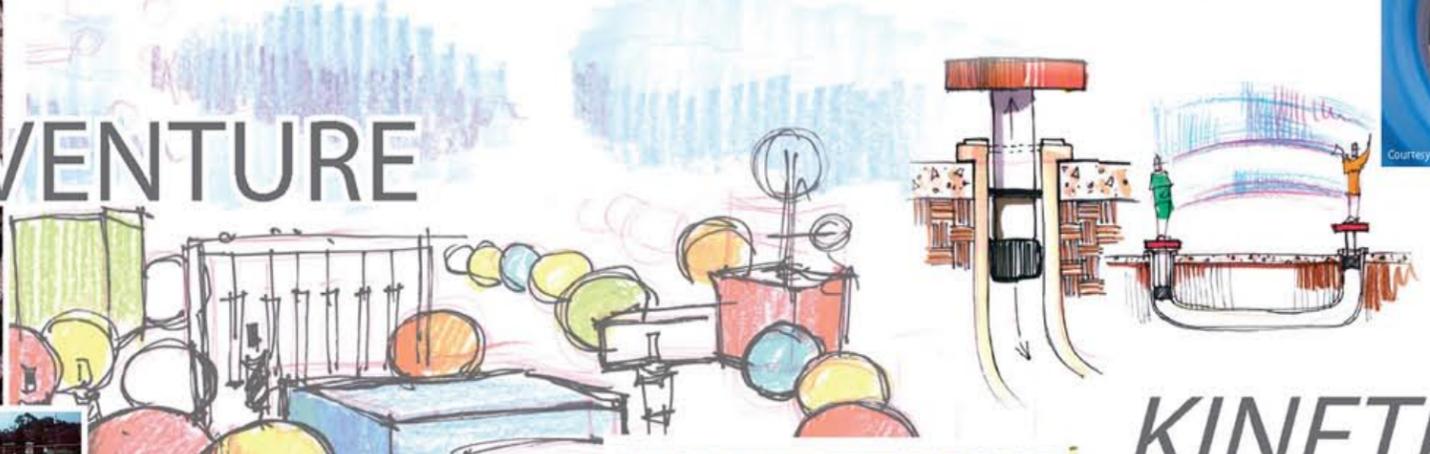


SOCIAL

SPEAK



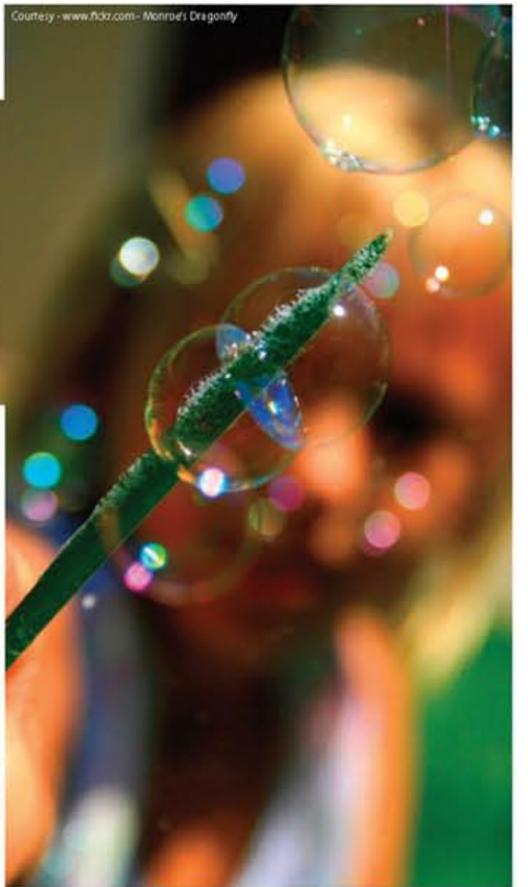
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EXPERIENCE

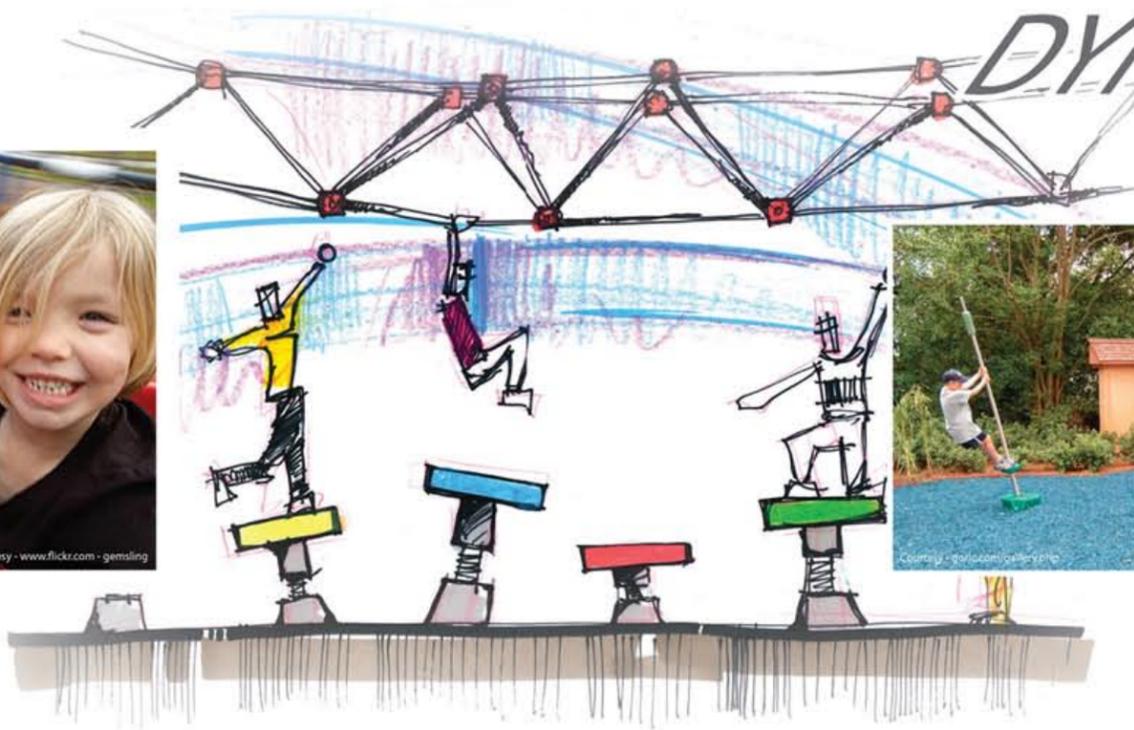


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ACTION



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DYNAMIC



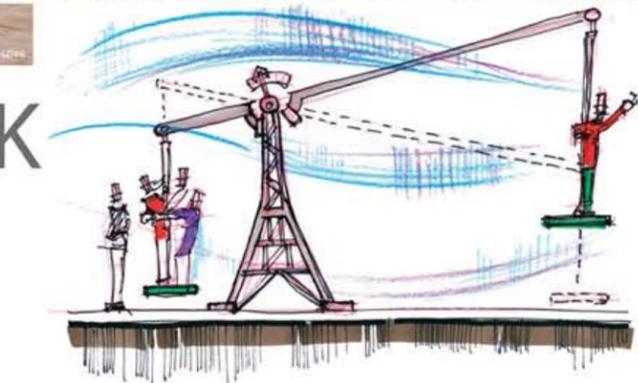
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RUN



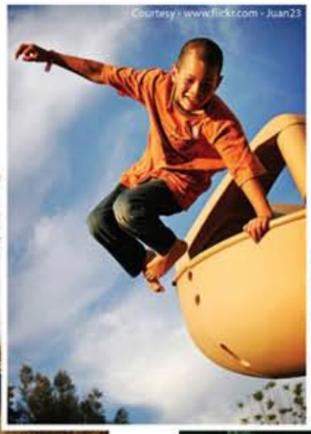
TEAMWORK



ENERGY IN MOTION



LEAP



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ASCEND



ENDEAVOR



SUCCEED



SOAR



JUMP



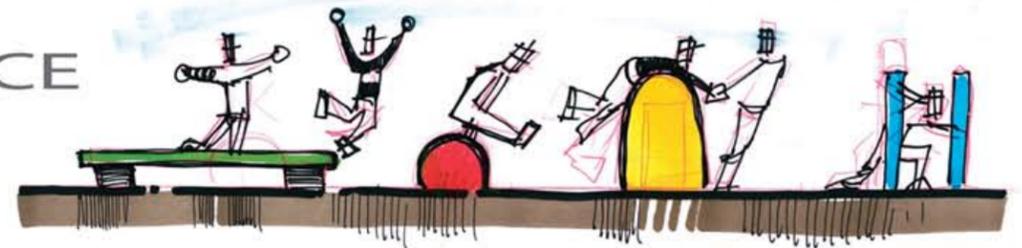
CHALLENGE



CLIMB



RACE



ENERGY IN MOTION

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THEME BACK BAY

A rustic, natural play experience featuring objects, locations, and creatures that evoke the feeling of the Back Bay and its native wildlife, activities, and materials. Taking inspiration from the organic colors, the water, the meadows, and the wood, rope, and sails of the boats to tie the site to its community and location.



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THEME FANTASY

A vibrant, whimsical play experience full of disproportionate, larger than life objects, locations, and creatures that lets the imagination truly run wild by incorporating bright colors in combination with pattern and geometry to adorn modern materials such as metal and concrete.



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