

Revitalizing the Southport Community: A Food-Based Design

Food is a great force in life that can bring people together

This redesign of the Southport Town Center parking lot expands on this idea by providing community spaces which provide venues for food-centered social activity. This activity can range from an outdoor lunch date with a friend under some shaded canopies to a city-wide food festival celebrating the wonderful opportunity of living in California's fertile central valley.

DESIGN



BARBEQUE PIT - SECTION ELEVATION



SOUTHPORT TOWN CENTER PARK - PLAN

MORE EFFICIENT PARKING DESIGN



These 2-story parking structures effectively double the number of cars that you can park outside these big box retailers. Sunken 6 feet underground, they stay true to the human scale and leave the rest of the site visually accessible.

PEDESTRIAN - ORIENTED FEATURES



Light bollards surrounding the park's perimeter block cars from entering the pedestrian designated zone and help keep the site active at night.

Site's Harvestable Produce:

TREES:

- Apples
- Oranges
- Lemons
- Pinenuts
- Palmagranite
- Persimmons
- Pineapple Guava
- Bay Leaves

COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- Sweetgrass
- Sage
- Rosemary
- Lettuce
- Onions
- Tomatoes

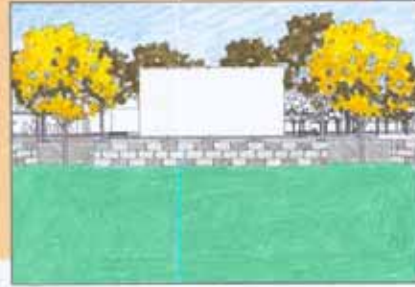
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VISION

Social Activity and vibrant color occupies this site year-round:



An outdoor art exhibit beneath this grove of trees works to raise money for cancer



The Blockbuster inside the shopping center puts on a free public screening in order to promote its "summer offers"



The site's annual food festival helps to connect neighbors through recipe swapping and competition.



Hot apple cider harvested and prepared on site warms people up as they celebrate the holiday season