

Pena Adobe & Lagoon Valley Park:

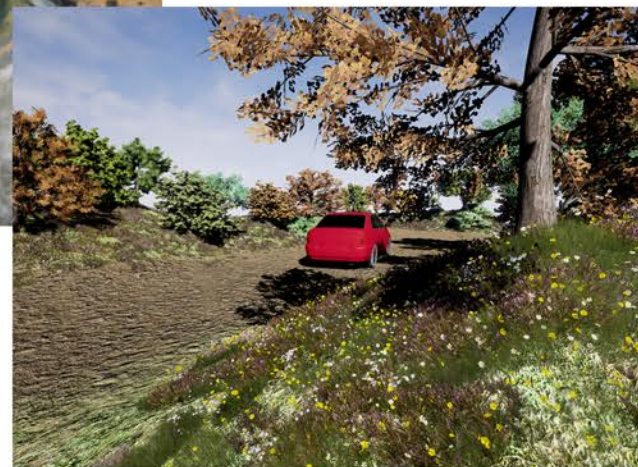
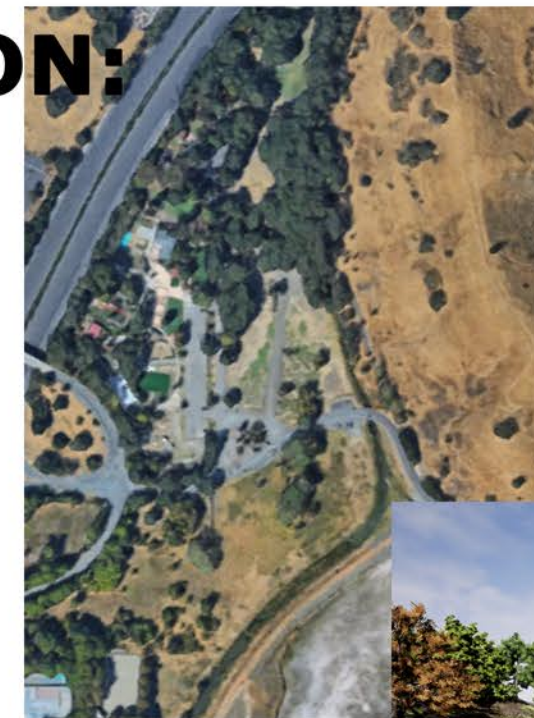
"Celebrating the multi-cultures and the history of Vacaville and the lagoon valley"

INTRODUCTION:

The Pena Adobe & Lagoon Valley Park, which locates on the southwest of the city of Vacaville and just off of highway interstate 80, is a beautiful community park that provide a fascinating natural view of the suburban area. Besides the beautiful view, the 470 acre park also supports a wide range of activities which includes hiking, biking, jogging, fishing, boating, and dog walking.

The park is also the historical site of the Pena family, the first settler of this vibrant land. Back to 1840s, the Pena family lived and built their permanent adobe homes in the lagoon valley with the help of local Native Americans. Besides that, the gold rush and the construction of the transcontinental railroad also attracted a lot of Asians to the city. Their joining undoubtedly enriched the history of the city of Vacaville.

The project site locates right off the entrance of the Lagoon Valley Park. The site is currently comprised of a gravel parking lot and some vacant land that is used for event parking. A series of problem could be found in the site.



The project is to create a park that celebrates the different cultures and their histories in the city by incorporating different elements in the selected site of the Lagoon Valley Park. The project also emphasizes the connections between those cultures and the Vacaville through a series of design developments.

The **GOAL** of the project is to bring up the idea that every culture has its own value and needs to be respected. Making minor cultural groups feel welcome and respected and eliminating the worry of experiencing discrimination. The research was based on the current users and resident of Vacaville, and focused on the cultures that appeared in the history of the city of Vacaville.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

1. African American Swept Yard.
2. Japanese Style Garden.
3. Hispanic Family Gathering Picnic Table
4. Native American Style Garden.
5. Patwin Winter House Model Display.
6. Chinese Yinyang Bamboo Pool.
7. American Style Ranch Garden.
8. Gravel parking lot

A. Redesigning the existing event parking lot, making it more organized and visually appealing. The new event parking lot, while not being used as a parking lot, will function as a garden that aiming at telling the orchid history of Vacaville.

B. create a cultural park that celebrates the cultures that appeared in the history of the city of Vacaville. The design would divide the park into several blocks and each block would represent one culture that is important to Vacaville.



For more information, please visit:

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