

McENERY CHILDREN'S PARK

Site-specific art and landscape

San Jose, California 1998-2000

Commissioner: Office of Cultural Affairs, City of San Jose
Consultant: Cheryl Barton, Landscape Architect
Budget: \$45,886



Sculpture installation



Installation view

cast aluminum, glass, steel, landscape

The design of McEnery Children's Park, located in downtown San Jose adjacent to the new Adobe Systems office building, is inspired by its proximity to the Guadalupe River.

Design elements include a hardscape and landscape concept, a mist fountain, and twelve large-scale insects cast in aluminum. These insects, all indigenous to the area, are installed on a series of galvanized steel posts throughout the park and will function as wind vanes. One of the insects, the dragonfly, is an important indicator of the health and vitality of the ecosystems of the Guadalupe River.