

CREEKSIDE COMMONS

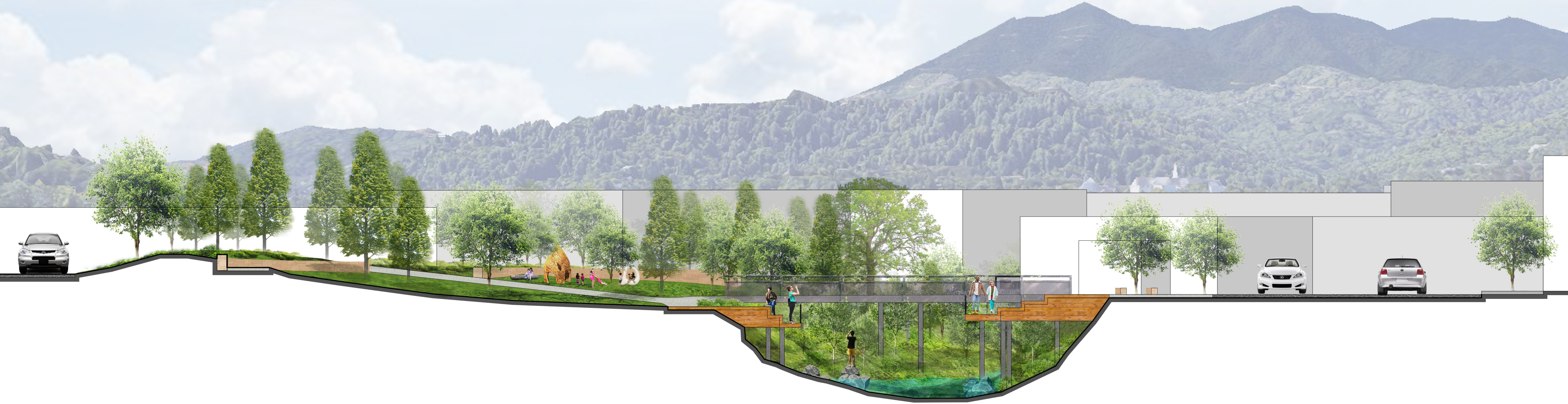
A New Heart



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| 1 Gateway Plaza | 3 Redwood Retreat | 5 Creekside Amphitheatre | 7 Native Plant Garden | 9 Treehouse Deck |
| 2 Creekside Court | 4 Creekside Plaza | 6 Nature Play | 8 Creekside promenade | 10 Creekside Gate |

CONCEPT

The character of San Anselmo is special, a community with a sophisticated but small town feel. The design is both informed by and integrated into this character. This concept weaves Creekside Commons into the public life of San Anselmo, offering a variety of experiences and special places, each embracing the spirit of the creek and the charm of downtown. This design creates a new civic heart for San Anselmo through placemaking and engaging the creek.





ACTIVATION

Imagine a place that is the emotional center of San Anselmo; a place where residents and visitors can be alone to meditate or go with their families on a daily basis, a place for school groups to learn about ecology and water systems, a place for children to play. We see a place where concerts and movie nights can be regular occasions and art festivals can spread seamlessly from San Anselmo Avenue to both sides of Creekside Commons. We imagine al fresco dining on the creek, outdoor yoga and fitness classes, pre-theater cocktails and a place for children to experience minnows and salamanders. It is a place to observe seasonal change and to have a picnic in the redwoods. It is the place for holiday concerts and a holiday tree.



FESTIVAL



CONCERT

MOVIE NIGHT

PROGRAMMING

The concept includes the new Creekside Plaza and Terraces, Creekside Amphitheater, Redwood Retreat, a native plant garden supporting butterfly and bird habitat, a Riparian Promenade, a Tree House Deck, Creekside Court with enhanced retail connections, a nature play area, Gateway Plazas, a refreshed transit stop and a Green Creek Riparian Corridor. Accessible paths connect these special places within the park to each other, the downtown corridor, surrounding neighborhoods and Sir Frances Drake Boulevard.

The Creekside Plaza and Terrace is a new community space at street level with seating that steps down to a lower level for creek viewing and special events. The plaza is flanked with opportunities for al fresco dining and retail activation.

The sense of connection between downtown, the creek and park is enhanced by a **Creekside Promenade** on bridges and decks behind the existing retail buildings.

The Creek Amphitheater is developed with a new stage that faces both to the plaza and to the park lawn. This community amenity is ADA accessible and provides an exceptional experience for all people.

Creekside Court is a transformation of the existing service access off Sir Francis Drake. It maintains service access but transforms the feeling and uses by opening up views to the retail, providing pedestrian paving and outdoor dining and seating for adjacent businesses.

The nature based special features include a native plant gardens, a diverse native riparian garden, a butterfly habitat garden, a bird habitat garden, the riparian promenade and a nature play area.

The Redwood Retreat is underneath the existing redwood grove. New seating, decks and picnic tables create an inviting place for a picnic in the shade.

Gateways to the Commons are developed from Sir Francis Drake and the intersection through special paving, walls, signage and lighting. Artisan stone walls are used throughout the site as an identity and wayfinding element.

