STADIUM RIVER PARK
SCHEMATIC MASTER PLAN
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DESIGN STATEMENT

Stadium River Park represents a paradigm shift in historic development patterns along the San Diego River. This project recclaims 65 acres of the Mission Valley watershed by responding to the ever-changing dynamic of the river. A 120’ riparian buffer preserves the San Diego River edge allowing for additional flood capacity and habitat. Directly adjacent is a 200’ trail corridor allowing for the continuation of the regional San Diego River Trail. A key focus of the design theme is day-lighting and rehabilitating Creek flows into Murphy Pond which serves as the centerpiece of the park providing seasonal recreation, water quality treatment, and nature-based play. The pond, and its water capacity, will fluctuate based on seasonal rain events while also being supported by naturally occurring groundwater. The various spaces within the park are framed by a series of flowing and sinuous pathways which mimic the movement of water. These pathways provide direct connections to various amenities and gathering spaces throughout the park. These pathways also connect visitors to the adjacent development to the west and residential communities to the east. The whiteknees adjacent to Mission Valley Library lead park visitors through the nature play area, sculpture garden, and river center. Amenities framing Murphy Pond include the pavilion and amphitheater/restaurant/market, and community garden plots. To the east, a roadway and pedestrian trail connect the residential communities to the recreation center, open lawn area, children’s playground, athletic fields, and supporting parking. An elevated pedestrian bridge sweeps from the recreation center to the existing trolley platform. This iconic bridge allows for dramatic vistas of the park, surrounding community, and San Diego River.