

Final Project Proposal

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Civic Center Park in Berkeley, CA





Need:

This park is lacks utility, is underused, has no sense of purpose, and now has a reputation for violent protest.

Goal:

- a park **usable** by high school students, families
- **open space** (festivals, farmer's market)
- beauty, **sense of community**



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Help this park be more welcoming! Add benches and trees to reduce the open space, and encourage high school kids to hang out here.

- 't' - Trees
- 'b' - Benches
- 'm' - Map
- 'c' - Clear
- 'r' - Regenerate paths

Students: 27

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Engagement:

- Include students in redesign – bring into Berkeley High School classrooms
- Collaboration between students and city
- Encourage creativity
- **Preserve functionality** for large events

Form:

- Tool that could be used in classrooms to encourage **community engagement**, propose **new designs**
- Activity with portable computer labs

Next Steps:

- Only place objects w/in bounds of park
- Packing problem: must leave open space or can't add any more objects
- Ability to delete objects
- Add public art
- Some agents walk freely in park while others stick to paths, still more traffic by objects
- Opening screen w/ context, instructions
- Bars that indicate engagement (number of people in park), amount of open space