

Nucleus

For the designers, nature is the nucleus represented by the pond, moving gradually away from nature leads through a large open space towards the solar field, representing man-made technology.



Nature is our nucleus. As we move away from the center, we divert away from nature and move closer to technology. In our design, the pond is a representation of nature, while the solar field on the extreme side is a representation of the man-made technology.

We provide a connection between these two opposite concepts and offer a place of self reflection for the users through our design. On another layer, we also hope for this environmental park to become the Nucleus or the center of the Voorhees Township.

Our design offers views and vistas, places to observe and not be in.

The entrances from the Centennial Boulevard bring people to the information center through a plaza. An overlooking deck at the edge of the plaza brings people to the most open area of the site. This prospect allows people the view of the solar structure on one end and the bosque trees on the other while incorporating a sense of being in the meadow.

The entrance deck, the solar panel overlook and the pond overlook are connected by this primary pathway, while providing rest spaces intermittently. These rest spaces provide views to the meadow and the woodlands.

The main spaces are located on the outer edges of the primary path. The inner space formed by this path loop is designed as a uniformly-graded meadow area. People can walk from the solar panel overlook to the bosque through this meadowland.

The woodlands define the primary path and the meadow area as well as provide enclosure for the park. The bosque serves as a transitional meditational experience. The designed spacing of the trees enhances the user experience, preparing the visitor for the surprising view of the pond.