Objectives

Our project objective is to provide the City of Auburn with a landscape architecture design proposal for the alley located between the Auburn Avenue Theater and Auburn Arts & Culture Center. The design is intended to provide the community with multi-functional public space that includes a gathering area, outdoor green space, public art, and space for events. We hope this design contributes and compliments the character of downtown Auburn.

Design Goals

- Provide the community with functional outdoor space
- Support programming at Auburn Ave Theater and Arts & Culture Center
- Contribute to a sense of identity downtown through art and events
- Match the feel and atmosphere of historic Downtown Auburn

Process

We approached this process the way a professional design firm would, starting with an initial client meeting with the City of Auburn. An analysis period followed, where we looked at opportunities and constraints of the site. Based on our analysis, we presented three early designs to the city. Since then, we have been developing a finalized design to present on June 2.

Design Development

Our design is committed to meeting the goals and vision presented to us by the City of Auburn while responding to different environmental constraints of the alley. Design decisions were made that would protect the existing big leaf maple, keep car access open to the back of the theater for deliveries, concentrate planting and seating in areas that receive sunlight, and keep an open plan. The open plan creates flexibility of space for events such as night markets, food trucks, art walks, or game nights. Finally, a large driving factor was for the design to match the existing and rich character of Downtown Auburn.