Welcome to Burbank Junction!

The new Burbank Junction park complex will create connections that will enhance the health, happiness, and well-being of residents, workers, and visitors to Burbank. Burbank is well known as a media capital, with more than 45,000 employees traveling into the city every day for work. The city has a lively downtown core and large parks at her edges, but is lacking open green space downtown—which is cut off from the busy transit hub, regional bike path, and the rest of the city by the freeway, railroad, and drainage channel. By creating a new park-based complex in former industrial land, we will take these barriers and make a seam.

On the simplest level, blocked spaces will be physically connected through infrastructure. But we also want to create social and work spaces where people can engage with one another, build strong community bonds, and create a progressive, environmentally sensitive response to urban sprawl by encouraging multimodal transportation and compact mixed use development that rejuvenates existing neighborhoods. We aim to create a historical dialogue that allows visitors to explore the city’s past through contemporary artworks and inventive built environments. By creating these manufactured landscapes that play off both the historical wartime use of camouflage in Burbank and the film industry’s contemporary use of artificial landscapes and manufactured forms- the past is connected to the future, producing a vibrant new live/work/play space with a very distinct identity- right in the heart of the city.

LOCATION: DOWNTOWN BURBANK, CA
CITY OF BURBANK: 17 SQUARE MILES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
12 MILES NW OF DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES
105,000 RESIDENTS/ 126,000 EMPLOYEES IN CITY
PROJECT SIZE: 37 ACRES
PROJECT ELEMENTS:
• FOOT/BIKE BRIDGE ACROSS 5 FWY + FIRST ST.
• EXTENSION OF THE CHANDLER RECREATION PATH
• UPDATED TRANSIT HUB + BRIDGE
• SHADY GREEN PLAZA AT A NEW MIXED-USE COMPLEX
• CREATIVE WORKSPACE PRODUCTION OFFICE RENTALS
• STORM WATER RECYCLING FACILITY
• NATIVE DEMONSTRATION GARDENS
• LARGE OUTDOOR SPACE FOR SHOWS AND EVENTS
• DOG PARK, SKATE PARK, CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS

ROLE OF THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
As landscape architects, we are tasked with addressing issues both large and small. In creating the Burbank Junction park complex, we are doing both by thinking in detail of creative ways to use the design and forms of the built environment to craft a thoughtful and invigorating space that will address some very real connection issues in the city. We are revitalizing lands damaged by industrial use, treating urban storm water runoff, modeling water conservation techniques and creating a green oasis that balances both human and environmental needs.