

INTRODUCTION



Our class proposal for the Tualatin Riverfront park is a kit-of-parts system designed using key connections and laminated plywood. To reinforce the reusability of the structure, students were restricted to the use of only wooden connections; metal fasteners were not allowed. Students also used plywood reclaimed from the 2024 Timber Tectonics studio. We have built one of a set of small portals, designed to be placed at entries and exits to the park. We also propose two sibling structures as a complement to the Juanita Pohl center and future boat launch, which will provide 2000 square feet of gathering space in the language of the smaller structure.

The community favored a design which was true to the origins of place, celebrating the nearby trestle bridge's structure and Oregon's natural habitats. A new boat launch, ADA accessible parking, and a vehicle access loop were key desires. The proposed structures will revitalize Tualatin's Riverfront Park. The structures will also aid in the effort to connect visitors from the Tualatin Lake at the Commons to the Tualatin Greenway, Juanita Pohl Center, and Van Raden Community Center. The larger proposed spaces, as well as individual portals, will enforce wayfinding features and delineate clear entrances and exits to the park. These structures will include spaces for retreat, venues for entertainment and events, and storage and rental services.



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