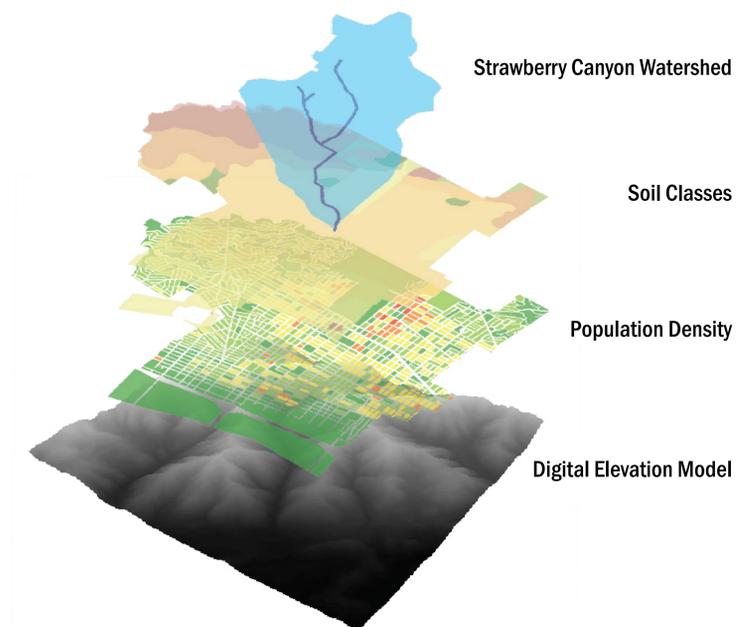
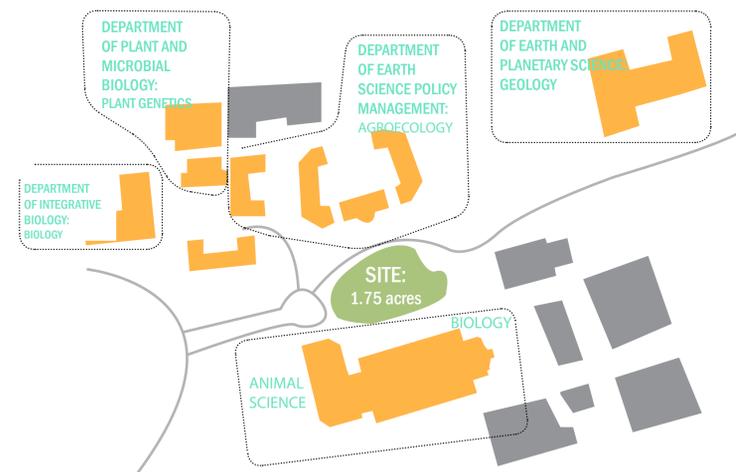


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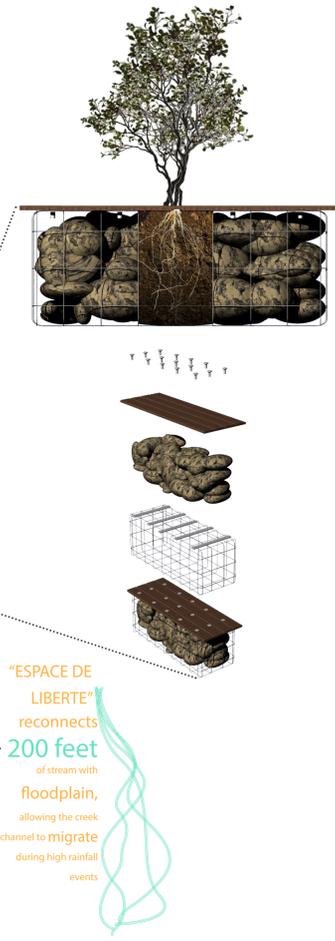
Stormwater Infrastructure as Living Laboratory, Habitat, and Human Spaces

The West Meadow site is currently ecologically degraded: the deeply incised creek's drainage culvert is regularly overwhelmed by winter storms, and its riparian habitat diminished by invasive plant species. But the space offers great potential to function as a crucial connection between ecologically resilient upstream riparian corridors and recent downstream restoration projects. A new cultural design mosaic could weave stormwater management and native ecological restoration into a multifunctional, seasonally floodable space - a living laboratory for the campus's sciences wing, pushing forward a compelling 'evolutionary aesthetic' for the profession of landscape architecture. Ongoing educational usage of the site, primarily by laboratory classes ranging from Ecological Analysis to Ecology, Evolution, and Plant Biology, is evidence of the inherent value of a site that allows the campus community to meaningfully interact with Strawberry Creek. Incredibly, there are currently no creekside sites intended both for human use and enjoyment and ecosystem performance enhancement. This proposal for new stormwater infrastructure on campus provides this while holistically addressing goals in restoration ecology, climate change adaptation & mitigation, stormwater management, and academic and cultural placemaking.

SITE CONTEXT



- Bridge:
- Accessibility Ramp
- Overlook:
- Wall
- Gabion Terraces
- Restored Creek Channel
- Espace de Liberte
- Culvert
- Vegetated Berm



DESIGN STRATEGY

