The Panoptic Experience

Abstract

The town of LaCrosse WA and the Ice Age Flood Institute are working together to combine information on the regional ice age floods with a welcoming visitor center for the town.

Objective

The goal was to make the site visible and graphically exciting to the town and visitors as well as focus on community involvement and sustainability.

Method

Research on the town of LaCrosse, WA included looking into the area’s history and local environment. Research on the geologic history included understanding what had occurred, its relationship to the town and region and its importance as well as inspiration for the design. Research also involved working with landscape architect students in order to analyze the site. Case-studies were completed on past-exhibits (low-cost, temporary exhibits, graphics) in order to gain knowledge of the building types and how to best complete the objective.

Result

The final outcome of this project will be a site that can be easily maintained with little to no maintenance. The exhibit will be able to be easily maintained as well and will allow for natural light to infuse the space. The site can be made up of a variety of local materials such as crushed granite, bricks and basalt which have a long history in the region. The exhibit will be easily visible from any approach. Inside, the exhibit is a gathering place for the community. They will be able to interact with information on the ice age floods and encompass the ice age floods and encompasses the Palouse region.

The Site

This site will have erratic land shapes made of basalt and various local materials such as crushed granite. Erratic boulders will sit in a sculpture garden formation. The cargo box will have striped mosaic tempered glass formations, like the sediment layers found in canyons with a giant entry shaft made to look like you are entering a glacier formation. A viewing box with a little of everything. The ice age created one view. This site will have a little bit of everything. The ice age created many different landscapes. Volcanoes left basalt formations. Glaciers melted and formed a variety of landscapes. Volcanic and glacial landscapes are evident at incredible heights. This site will have scab land shapes left basalt formations. Glaciers melted and refroze repeatedly creating scab land shapes. Volcanoes left basalt formations. Glaciers melted and refroze repeatedly creating scab land shapes in canyons made from sedimentary layers of rock and water erosion. The sediment layers formed from the constant buildup of sediment and water erosion. Shore lines and ripple marks cross regions and are evident at incredible heights. This region is astonishing and unbelievable since these events that created the landscape have never been seen.

The Exhibit

The exhibit will be made predominantly of tempered glass so as to allow the use of natural daylight since there will be no electricity. The detail in the glass will represent the striped details found in canyons made from sedimentary layers of rock and water erosion. The evening also made of tempered glass will provide some protection in the event but still allow for light to pass through for visibility. Information on the Ice Age Flood Institute and LaCrosse will be visible to the surrounding community. The site will be made up of local materials such as crushed granite, bricks and basalt which have a long history in the region. The site will be easy to maintain with little to no maintenance. The exhibit will resemble the striped details found in canyons with a giant entry shaft made to look like you are entering a glacier formation. A viewing box with a little of everything. The ice age created one view. This site will have a little bit of everything. The ice age created many different landscapes. Volcanoes left basalt formations. Glaciers melted and formed a variety of landscapes. Volcanic and glacial landscapes are evident at incredible heights. This site will have scab land shapes left basalt formations. Glaciers melted and refroze repeatedly creating scab land shapes in canyons made from sedimentary layers of rock and water erosion. The sediment layers formed from the constant buildup of sediment and water erosion. Shore lines and ripple marks cross regions and are evident at incredible heights. This region is astonishing and unbelievable since these events that created the landscape have never been seen.

Concept

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