



The Plaza

Petaluma, California Currently in design

description Mixed-Use - Retail/Offices
size 52,000SF

The site is in the center of downtown Petaluma's historic district. A nondescript '70's era bank building currently occupies half the site with the remaining half given over to on grade parking. The existing site is experienced as a tear in the urban fabric of an otherwise remarkably in-tact 19th century environment.

Our proposal seeks to repair the urban fabric in a number of ways. We propose to replace the existing on grade parking lot with sub-surface parking under the entire block, and to build two new three-story retail/office buildings which capture an open air plaza between. The plaza serves to connect the building to the beautiful but under utilized Penry Park to the north. The proposed buildings, though employing a modernist language, share the vertical proportions and rhythms associated with the older neighboring civic buildings and will be rendered in a high quality palette of cast in place concrete, steel and glass.

The project incorporates cutting edge sustainable design principles and technologies including geo-thermal heating and cooling, grey water recycling, and pressurized in-floor displacement ventilation and will be Petaluma's first LEED Gold building.

