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Community Zone

The proposed two-story community center with secured bathrooms, covered lanais, an expansive multi-purpose plaza lined with seat wall benches, and parking with plumeria and hala shade trees activates and anchors a re-imagined 'A'ala Park for community events and gatherings. Community garden plots provide nearby residents the opportunity to grow their own food.

Recreation Zone

New pickleball courts, an exercise loop with fitness stations, and a pump track for all ages supplement the park's existing recreational opportunities. Elevated grass-covered landforms define space and accommodate informal seating and community performances, while shaded picnic structures provide nearby residents and visitors with comfortable places to gather.

Chinatown Gateway Zone

Enhancing the connection between 'A'ala Park and Chinatown, a shaded plaza space, a new cafe with enclosed restrooms, outdoor seating, and a splash pad fountain activate the Nu'uanu stream edge by supporting gathering and play. A remnant historic pergola is re-purposed as a focal point and functions as a space for additional seating and rotating art installations.

Waterfront Zone

An enhanced waterfront promenade along the south edge of the site promotes connectivity and stream access. It demonstrates the ecological potential of 'A'ala Park through a constructed wetland system to filter stormwater runoff, educational lo'i kalo terraces for viewing, and floating biofiltration planters in Nu'uanu Stream to support native habitat.