

# HERCULES PUBLIC LIBRARY

HERCULES, CA



## **Project Description**

Situated on a bedrock promontory overlooking the San Francisco Bay and the 80 Freeway, the Hercules Public Library, designed by Will Bruder Architects and HGA Architects, will serve as a beacon to the community. CMG responded to the challenging geologic site conditions by excavating a linear trench that serves as a garden and bio-swale, transporting and treating the site's storm water. The Sky Garden is an elliptical court in the center of the building that provides a tranquil space for patrons. Inspired by the City's historic reputation as the center for gun powder manufacturing, CMG designed a black, truncated cone to recall the form of a powder mound. In the Children's Garden, a dense tree grove and shifting rubber ground wrap the architect's 35' "Story Cove," providing an outdoor environment for story telling and exploration.

## **Client**

City of Hercules

## **Awards**

AIA San Francisco 2007 Design Awards, Excellence in Architecture



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