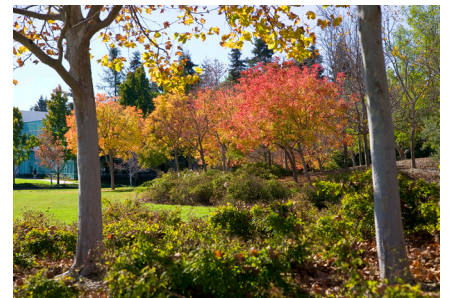


## Google Headquarters and Charleston Park



**Location**  
Mountain View, California

**Client**  
Silicon Graphics, Inc.

**SWA Scope**  
Master & Site Planning  
Landscape Architecture

**Size**  
Site: 10.5 hectares (26 acres)  
Office Space: 46,451.52 m<sup>2</sup> (500,000 sf)  
Park: 2 hectares (5 acres)

**Architect**  
Studios Architecture

**Awards**  
ASLA Centennial Medallion,  
ASLA Centennial Award,  
ASLA National Honor Award  
IDRC Distinguished Environmental Planning Award  
City of Mountain View Mayors Award

SWA provided master planning, site planning, and full landscape architectural services. The project began as the winning entry in a competition held by the City of Mountain View to develop the 26-acre Brownfield site with an R&D campus of 500,000 square feet of office space and a five-acre public park. This creative collaboration led to two key planning decisions: first, to treat the campus and park as one landscape; and second, because of the large building footprints, to assert the presence of the landscape by raising the buildings and locating most of the 1,700 parking spaces below podium level. At the east and west ends of the project, the landscape slopes up to the podium from natural grade, providing a seamless connection from the park on the east through the campus to the improved creek corridor on the west. The site was bought by Google in 2004 to be their Corporate Headquarters.

