Digital Urban Park Social Networks have an active population over double the size of the U.S. are analog social condensers that have existed since the late 1800's.

Urban Parks Integrate the analog park with the new digital forms of socialization.

“The social bonds built in the virtual world can spill over into the physical world—and with such seismic force that they can topple an autocrat.” - Blair Kamin

by Alastair Thornton
Different types of interaction within the group will cause different forms to generate from the projector. Individual forms can also be created by touching the screen itself.

Exhibits or events put on by the city or library will have access to all the space’s systems in order to fully utilize the interactive space.
The Plane

Personal interaction & mood

The social network "mood ring"

Chicago status updates

Relaxed

Subdued

Excited

Clarity

Normal Imaginative

Areas of intelligence

Around sets of benches, the tiles will be made of high resolution screen and information such as names and social networks are shown based on user preference.

When two users approach one another and stand next to each other, the circles will activate and ask what information they would like to share.

Users can choose to activate different forms of interaction: games, videos, local attractions. This activation can occur through a smartphone or directly with the surface.

Users can also program their own games and upload them to the surface to play.

The plane can also tie into dating sites, when two people with compatible profiles are on the plane, their circles will activate and glow pink. The plane can then suggest an activity they would both enjoy and provide directions to that activity.

A special time could also be arranged for the entire plane to glow pink to allow for more spontaneous interactions to occur.

Micro-Climates

Heated Exhaust Air
The Point

Audience interaction & theatre

Column heights range from 0-20 feet and are 4 foot square. Columns are tied to a particular location. Social network activity within that area increases its height. This activity is then recorded on the side of the column.

Columns are touchscreens on all four sides and allow a user to scroll through the history of a column.

Geo-columns

Columns can also be arranged to create different outdoor spaces. This allows the grid to be both a venue for physical and virtual interaction.

Multi-form stage

Columns will be computer controlled. Users can create a configuration of their choosing on a website and schedule a day and time for when the columns will order that configuration.

Thrust Stage

Soapbox

Platform

Multi-form stage

Theatre in the Round

 Traverse Stage

 Catwalk

 Catwalk

 Traverse Stage

 Catwalk