



# Oakland City Hall Plaza

## URBAN PLAZA

Located in the center of the Oakland City Hall District, the Plaza was designed as a peaceful and historical complement to the international business and commercial activity of the hard-surfaced plazas downtown. The design for Oakland City Hall Park-Plaza sought to achieve a relaxing yet formal green or commons as an historically sensitive continuation of the traditional park that originally graced the front of Oakland's City Hall. A hard-scaped area was added to the north of the green to support civic events.

Elements of the plaza include *The Park* or Commons which is a raised great lawn sprawling before City Hall as a soft, peaceful retreat for office workers and residents of the downtown and the *The Forum* which is a stage for ceremonies, speeches, and public gatherings but also for cultural events and performances at lunch time or on special holidays.

### PROJECT DATA

<b>Client:</b>	City of Oakland
<b>Location:</b>	Oakland, CA
<b>Completion:</b>	1998
<b>Project Area:</b>	160,000 sf
<b>Cost:</b>	\$6 million

