



Frog Hollow Farm Cafe, San Francisco CA
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SITE & PROGRAM

This tenant improvement is located in the renovated historic Ferry Building along the Embarcadero of San Francisco Bay. The ground floor of the building and the waterfront plaza serves as a center for local food retailers and an organic farmers market. The tenant space is immediately adjacent to the plaza entry facing to the east. The new construction was designed to provide for the display and sales of the owner's organic fresh fruit, preserves and pastries baked on site. The ground floor location is arranged as a large room with one edge fully open to the public passageway. The kitchen service and utility areas are of a lower scale, and set to the north and west walls.



MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

The existing foundation of pier caps and columns is elevated above the tidal waters of the San Francisco Bay along this edge of the building. The existing slab and structural concrete framing system was left exposed. The new lower height wall construction that sits within the existing building shell carries all the new electrical and plumbing services, and was designed as an infill infrastructure and a piece of cabinetwork. This base construction consists of steel stud framing overlaid with gypsum or plywood sheathing. Custom wood and stone panels with fabricated steel frames were installed over the base construction for the finished walls and casework. The steel frames were designed to be left clear finished, and are made of stock angle and channel sections with exposed fasteners. The counter areas are a combination of stainless steel and cast concrete. The interior wall surfaces of the food preparation areas are surfaced with marble at the public areas; in combination with restaurant grade wallboard panels at the service sink area. The dropped ceiling panels have a light colored surface to further reflect daylight into the food preparation areas. This new ceiling conceals the mechanical ductwork for the base building. The door and window glazing systems are of aluminum storefront and curtain wall fabrications.