



"The enduring lessons in this captivating project lie in the demonstration of how clear vision, creativity, and artistic intent can transform a mundane structure, from which not much is expected, into a richly layered work of art and architecture."  
**Dror Baldinger, AIA; Texas Society of Architects Design Awards Juror**



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LOCATION Austin, TX  
 ARCHITECT Miró Rivera Architects

**M**iró Rivera Architects, working with the Town Lake Trail Foundation, envisioned a spiraling series of standing steel plates, emerging from the earth and ascending in height to terminate in a private enclosure. Forty-nine 3/4"-thick vertical Cor-ten steel plates, whose width and height vary significantly in size from 1'-0" wide by 1'-6" high to 2'-0" wide by 13'-0" high, cantilever up from below-grade foundations to form restroom walls. A roof constructed from a single slab of 3/4-inch thick steel plate hovers within the closed end of the spiral, set back slightly from the walls to allow natural light and ventilation. The inventive and playful structure serves passing trail users and park patrons.

MADE POSSIBLE BY:

- THE TOWN LAKE TRAIL FOUNDATION
- MIRÓ RIVERA ARCHITECTS
- ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERS COLLABORATIVE
- THE MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL FOUNDATION
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