

The INSO offers a continuous and flowing design without front or back and is accessible from all directions. It represents the heart of the city and will frame the junction of the park rivers, simply and elegantly, while protecting the landscape. The INSO will also provide a strong visual presence and maximize the site's potential by stretching from bank to bank.

On one side, the structure rises to maximum buildable height, allowing visitors to view the city from different perspectives, vertically and horizontally. The lower half also allows visitors to cross the river, and it counterbalances the structure.

The INSO takes different shapes depending on the viewers location. From above, it's a perfect circle—or an enso in Japanese, representing eternity, strength, sophistication, and the void. From the side, one sees the lemniscate, signifying infinity in mathematics. The two words unite into INSO. The concept conveys cultural diversity and the infinite possibilities of innovation born from the city of San Jose. Cultures and time, past, present, and future come together in one place.

This iconic landmark would represent the heart of the community—not only San Jose, but also Silicon Valley—translating economic success into civic prosperity for generations to come. A large open space could host a café, allow gatherings, and champion a feeling of inclusiveness.

Currently, San Jose, the 10th largest city in the US, doesn't have its own landmark. We feel it's time to create a monument that frames these two rivers. It will symbolize cultures and ideas, joining for the betterment of humanity.

Imagine a site that holds meaning for hundreds of years into the future—a place that speaks to our responsibility to nature by framing the Guadalupe River and the Los Gatos Creek while supporting the surrounding environment. It will speak to innovation, industry, and possibilities.

The spirit of this region lies in uniting seemingly disparate ideas, cultures, people, and businesses to build something to advance humanity. We feel the INSO represents these values, molding the energy into a landmark for future generations.