

Project Statement

The design consists of a series of sharp structures that reach 200 ft visible at a far distance. These monuments represent the “breakthrough” of innovation as they resemble giant spearhead tips breaking through the ground and reaching for the sky. The monuments are on both, west and east sites and are constructed in reinforced concrete, a material that will perpetuate for a minimum of 70-100 years and that require very little maintenance. In addition, some of the faces are clad in rusted metal that match existing bridges and other structures, a confluence of the old and the new.

In the West-Site, the monuments are surrounded by nature as 80% of the existing landscape is left intact to preserve the site’s DNA. Nature and architecture complement one another as renowned architect Le Corbusier stated: “A building must be a clear, sophisticated statement. It should stand in contrast to nature, rather than appear as an outgrowth of some natural formation”. This site will invite you to remain calm and put, as a sitting area is designed to make you feel unrushed.

The East-Site is overtaken by the monuments creating a magnificent, dense skyline. Furthermore, beyond the visual impact and urban statement that it creates, the structures serve another purpose: they draw a pathway at ground level. Civic involvement is encouraged as it attracts people to walk through these monuments but also invites them to sit and meditate. The structures are a point of “reflection”, literally. They have a mirror like finish in the inner faces—mirrors as self-assessment tools—that remind us who we are and how do we fit in our society.

Both sites have a tower that also reach a height of 200 ft. They offer a 360-degree view of the monuments, park, river, creek, and the city. They do it in two ways: through an indoor observation area where security glass enhance the uninterrupted, panoramic views—this area is also designed for public art display—and through an outdoor area at the top level where people will gather to breath fresh air in a beautiful botanical landscape. These two towers have a torch shape resembling the torch of the Statue of Liberty. They serve as a reminder of the freedom and liberty American enjoys, and that because of these attributes, the minds of innovators, entrepreneurs and free thinkers function knowing that nothing is impossible.