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## Course Description

Some of the most persistent misconceptions about Universal Design are that it is “handicapped looking”, ungraceful and too expensive. These mistaken ideas often keep owners from accepting new modalities and leads to perpetuating bad practices. The projects presented in this workshop will dispel those myths and show that incorporating Universal Design features provides greater accessibility, increase property value and adds safety. This workshop will include presentations by three prominent architects whose projects have won the AIA Small Project Award for Universal Design. These architects will discuss their design philosophies, explore their firm’s production process, and show case study examples.

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## Learning Objectives

1. Learn how to dispel the misconceptions and myths about Universal Design.
2. Learn the many benefits of Universal Design and how it adds value to any property.
3. Learn how Universal Design provides added convenience and increases public safety.
4. Learn how to ask your client the important questions and get the meaningful answers.

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## The Myths

1. Ugly – “handicapped looking”
2. Limits creative design
3. Too Expensive
4. Detracts from property value
5. Only for small % of population



9% of Americans have a disability that makes walking and climbing stairs difficult.

32% of those 65 and older

Source: Journal of the American Planning Association (JAPA) Aging and Disabilities - 2008

## **AIA Small Project Practitioners**

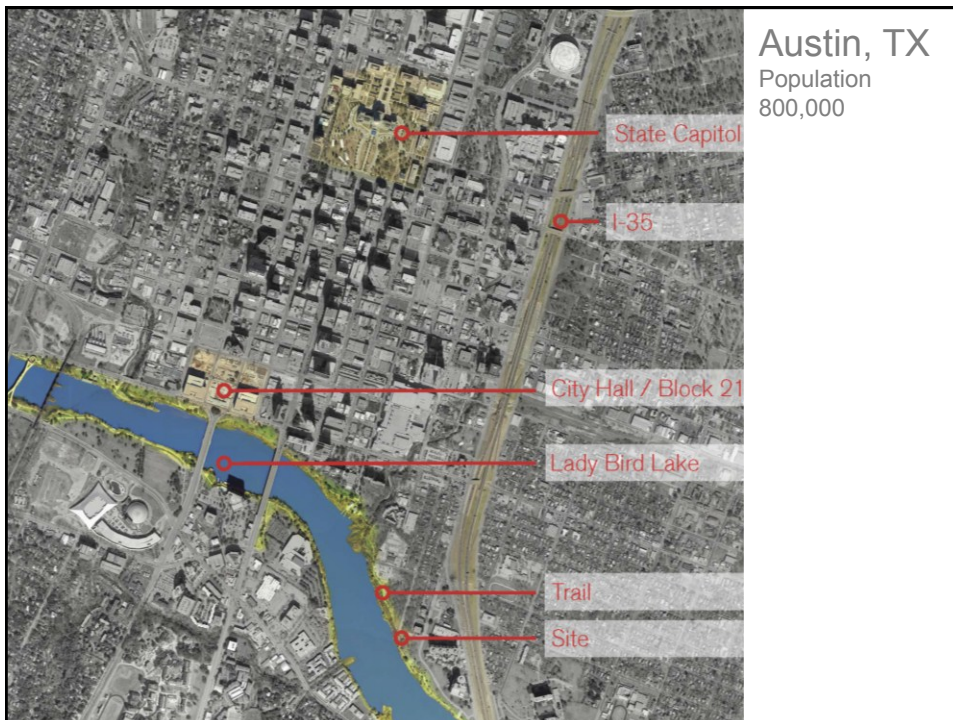
AIA/SPP generates, collects and disseminates knowledge and wisdom on how to profitably run a small firm and how to carry out small projects that do not fit into the model of departmental production that characterizes many larger firms.

## **AIA Small Project Awards**

- to recognize small project practitioners for the high quality of their work
- to promote excellence in small project design.
- to raise public awareness of the value and design excellence that architects bring to projects, no matter the limits of size and scope.

# Trail Restroom

Austin, Texas (2008)  
70 sq ft



Austin, TX  
Population  
800,000

State Capitol

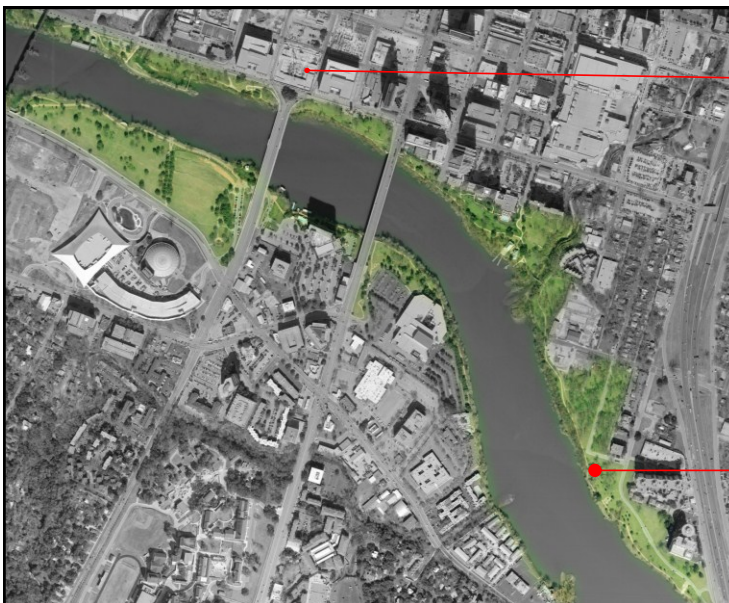
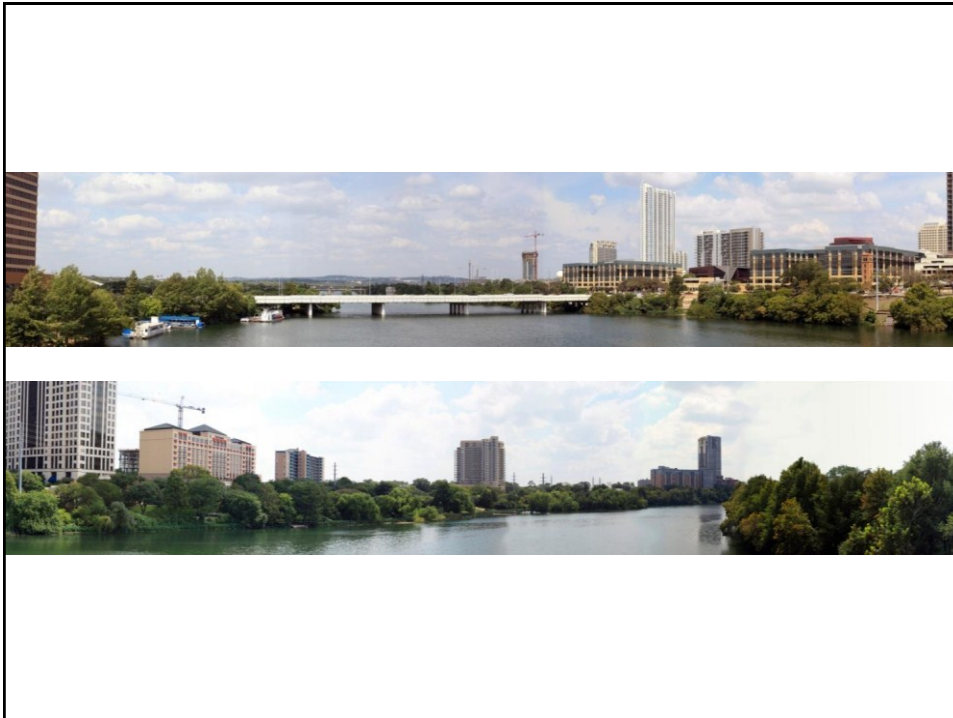
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City Hall / Block 21

Lady Bird Lake

Trail

Site



City Hall

Site

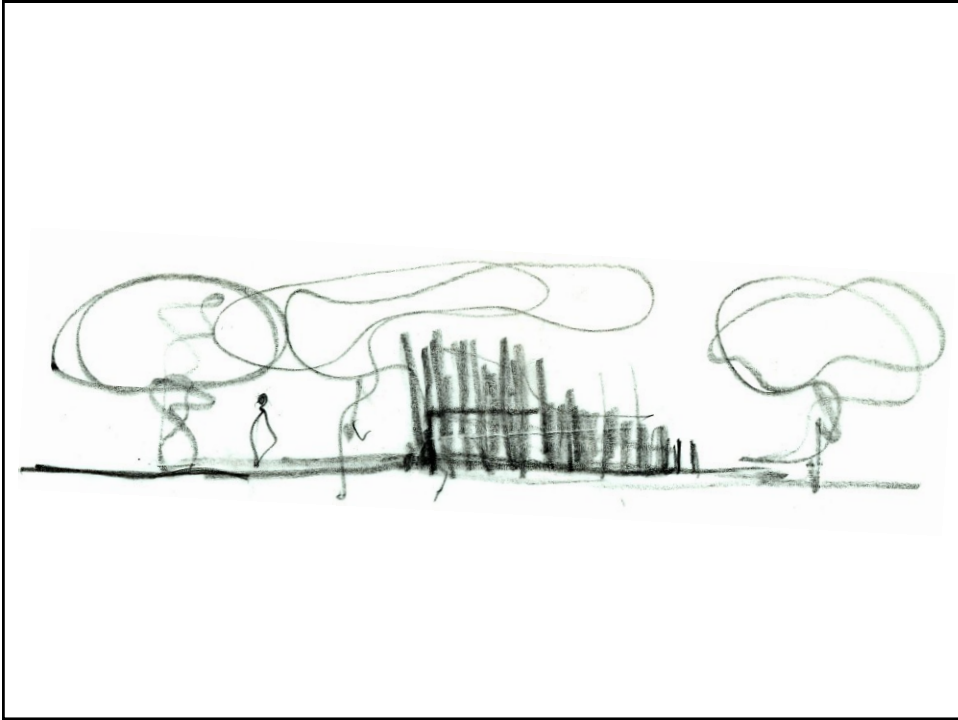
## Lady Bird Lake Hike-and-Bike Trail

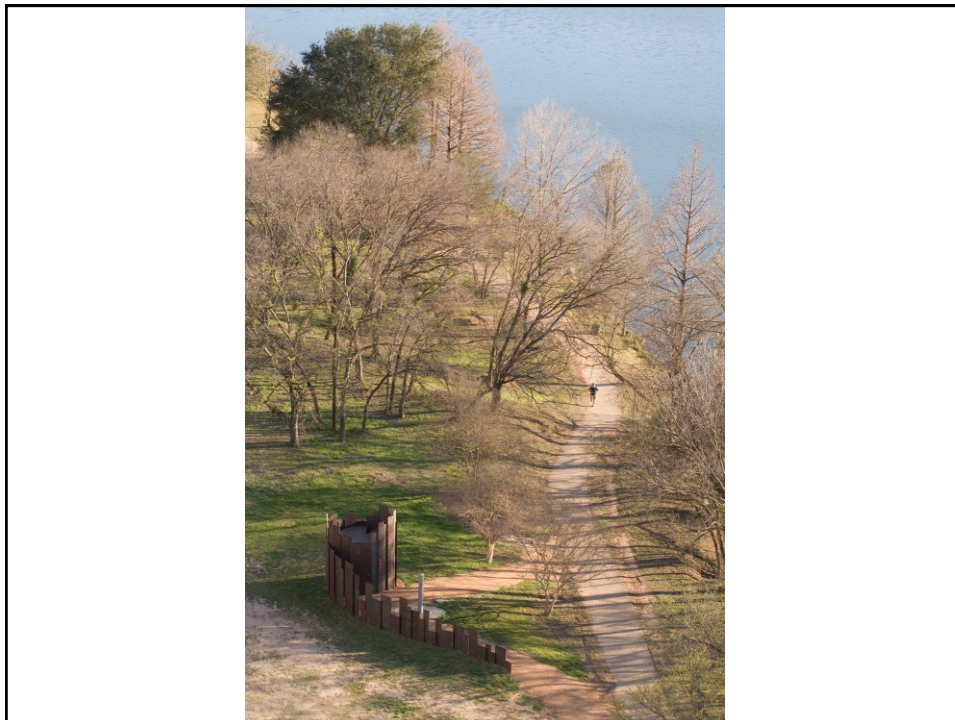
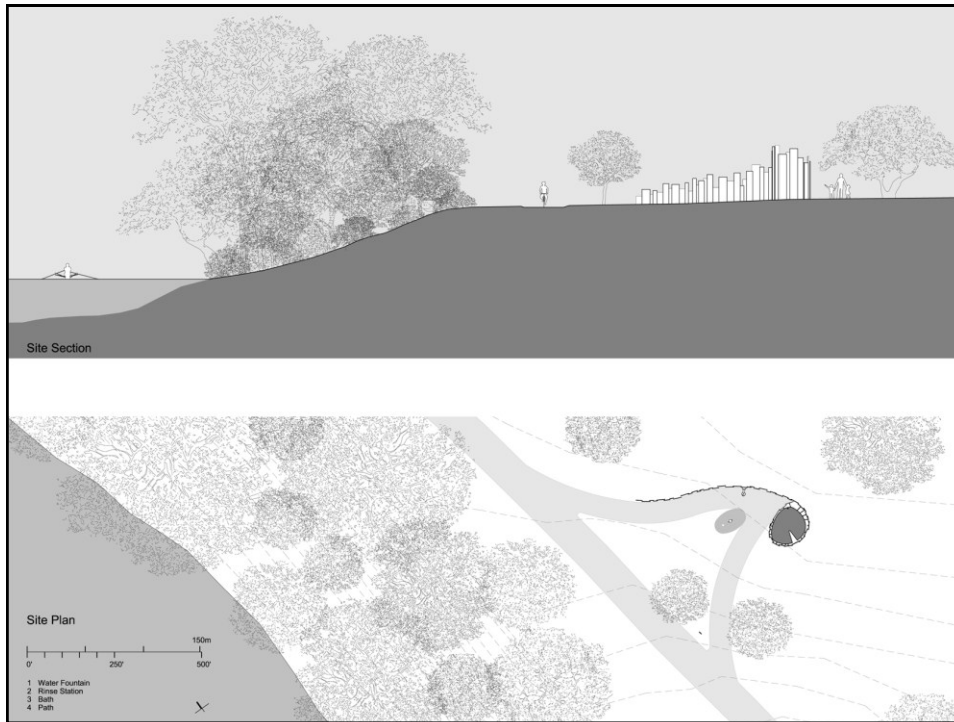
Formed in 1960, 10-mile trail with more than 1.5 million visits per year



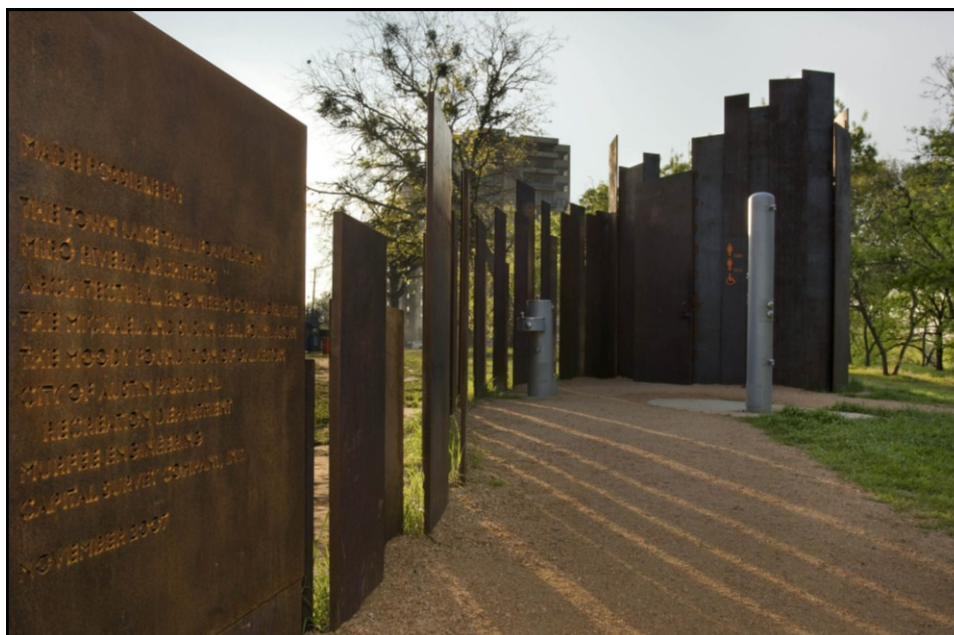
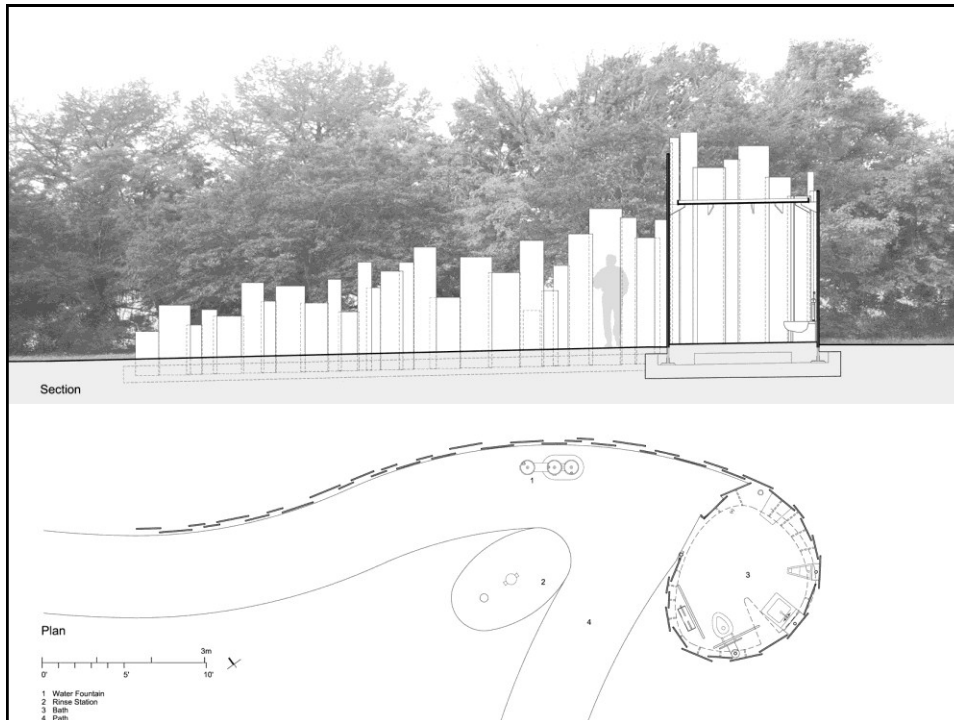


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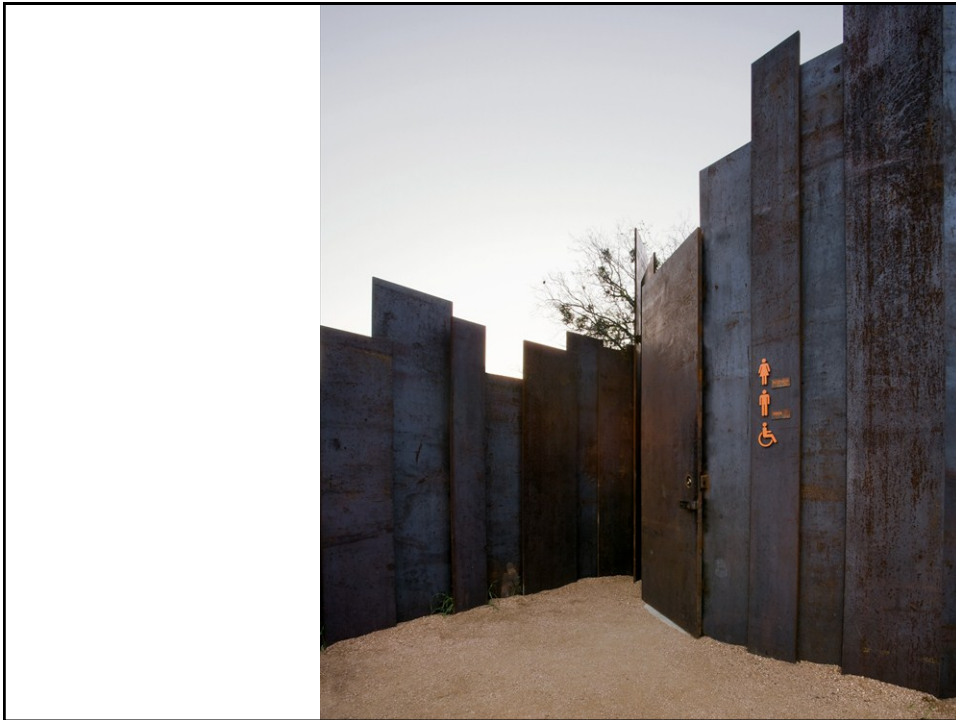








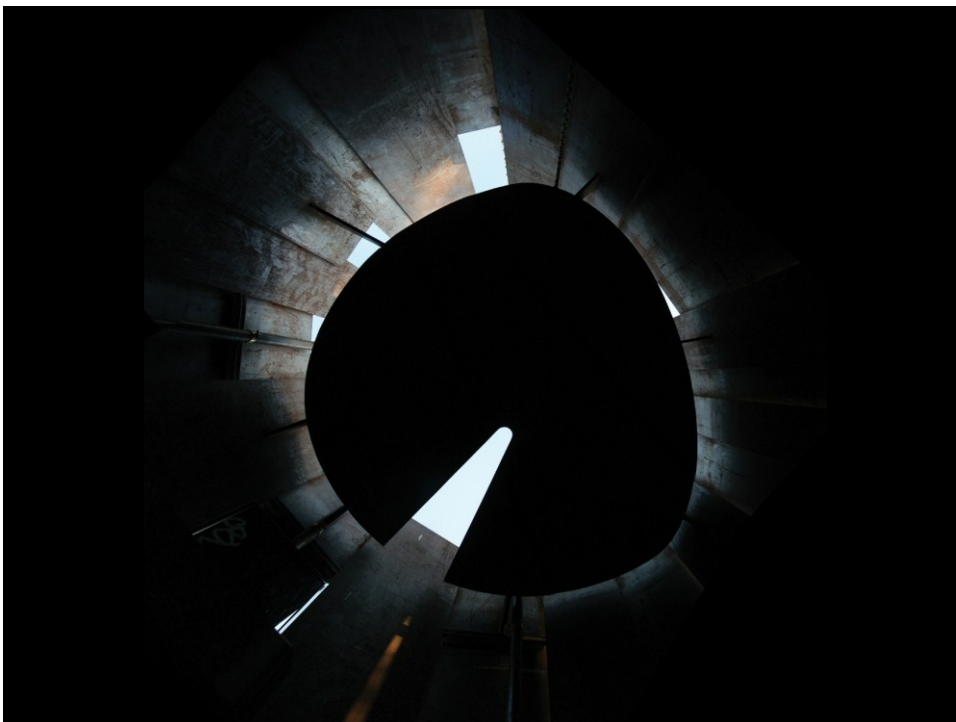
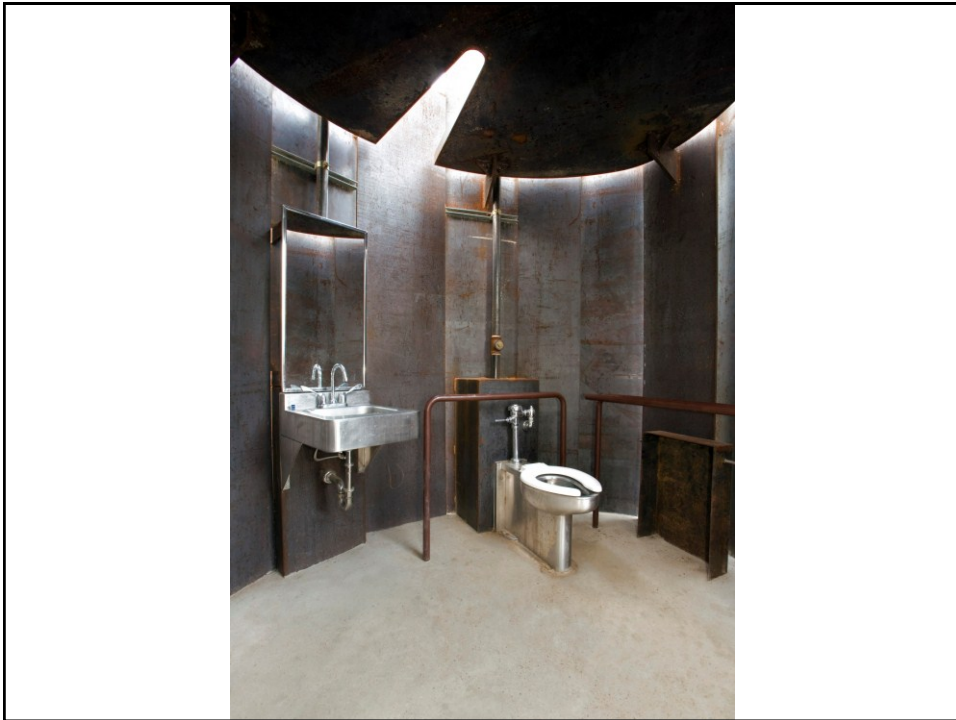
**Accessible Route** walking surfaces with a maximum of 1:20 running slope and 1:48 cross slope, no change in level greater than 1/2" (ADA/TAS 403.3 + 303.3)



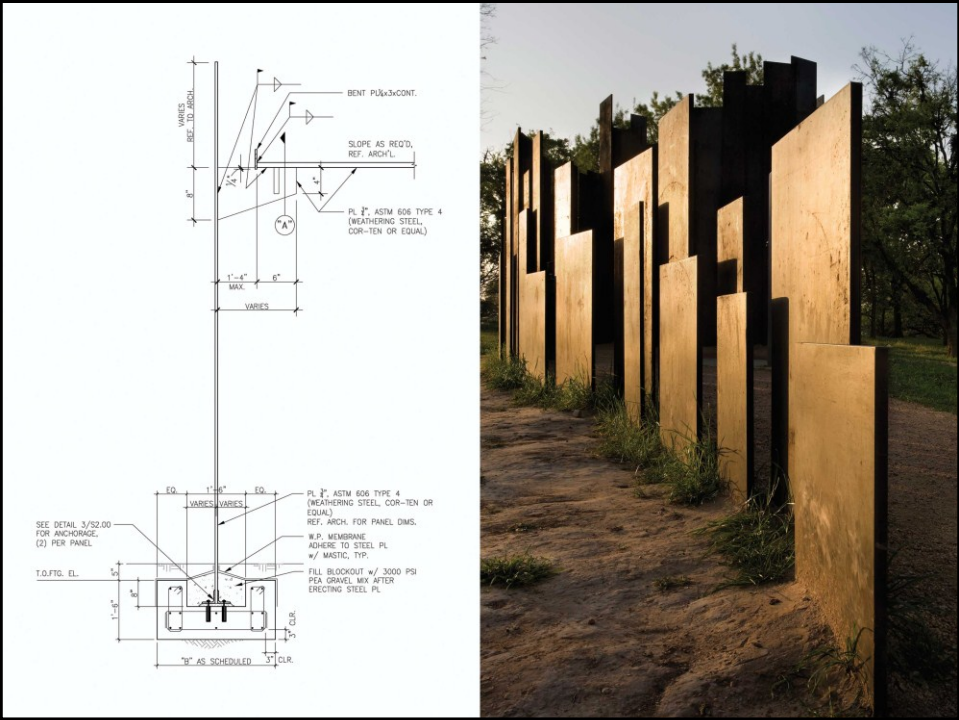
## Door Opening Force

Force required to pull or push open a door or gate other than fire doors shall not exceed 5 lbs (ADA/TAS 4.04.2.9)











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## Trail Restroom Awards and Publications

Envision Central Texas,  
Community Stewardship Award  
Finalist, 2011

AIA, Small Project Award, 2009

AIA Austin, Design Award, 2009

International Biennale  
Architectural Prize (Padova),  
Honorable Mention, 2009

London International Creative  
Competition, Honorable  
Mention, 2009

The Chicago Athenaeum,  
American Architecture Award,  
2009

The Architectural Review,  
Awards For Emerging  
Architecture Honorable Mention,  
2008

Texas Society of Architects,  
Design Award, 2008

World Architecture Festival  
(Barcelona), Design Award  
Shortlist, 2008



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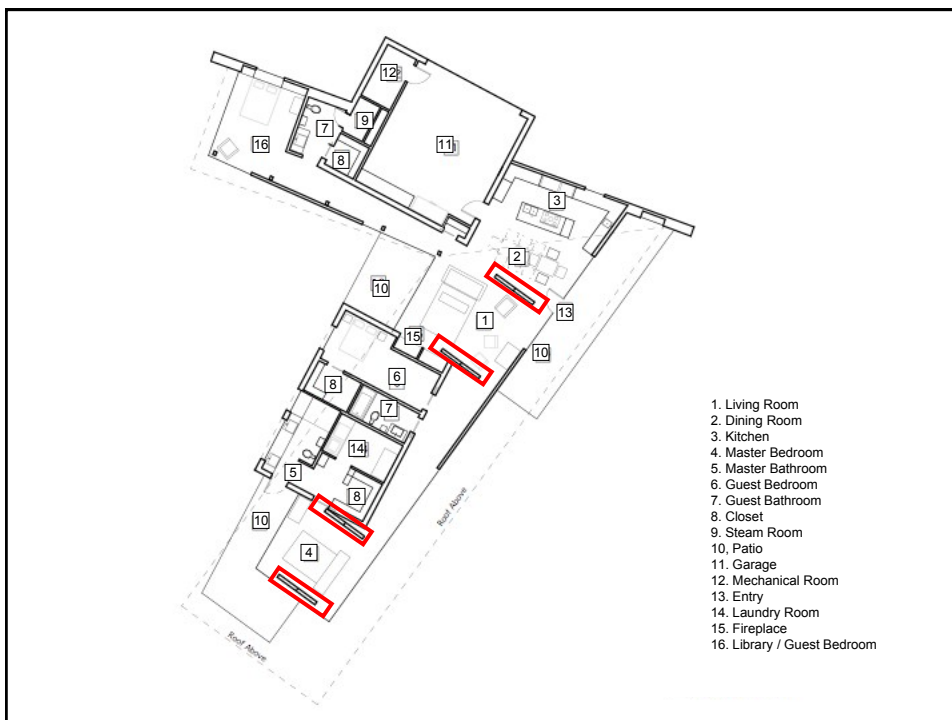
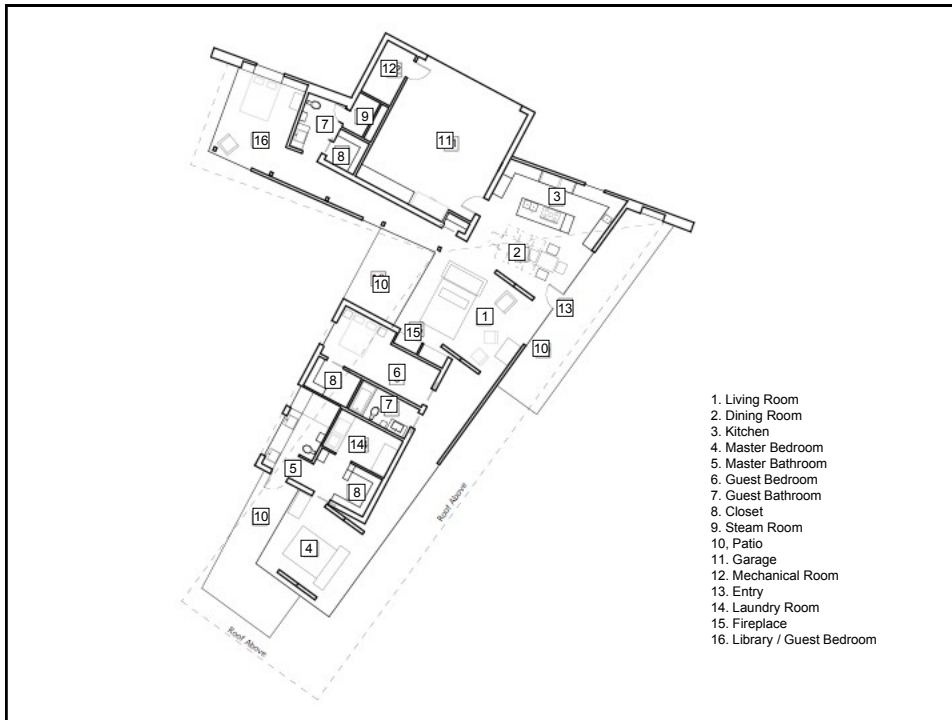


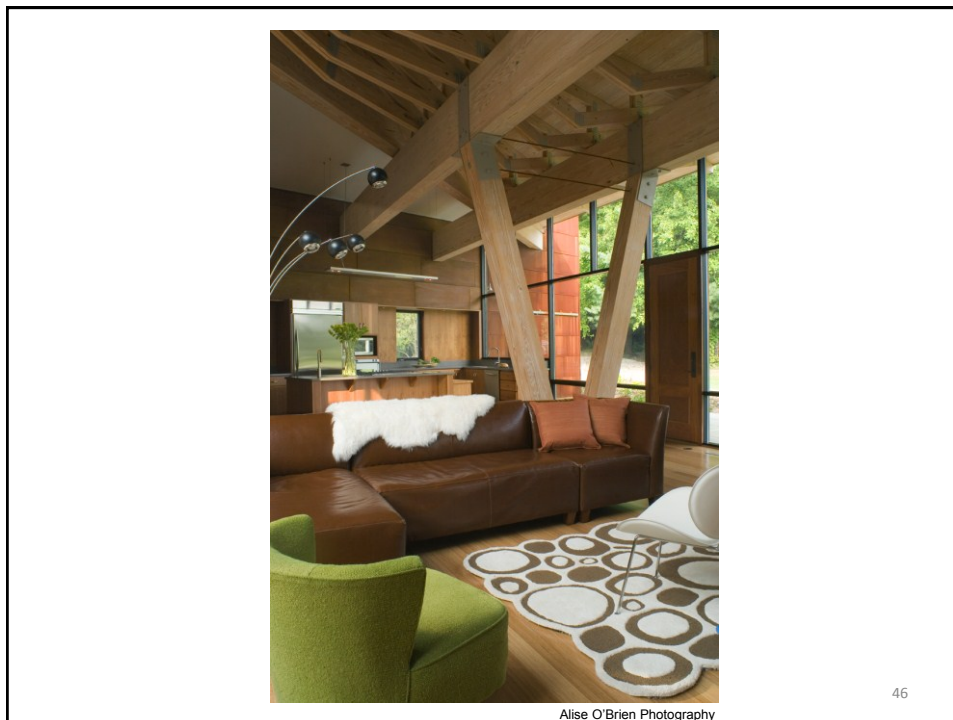
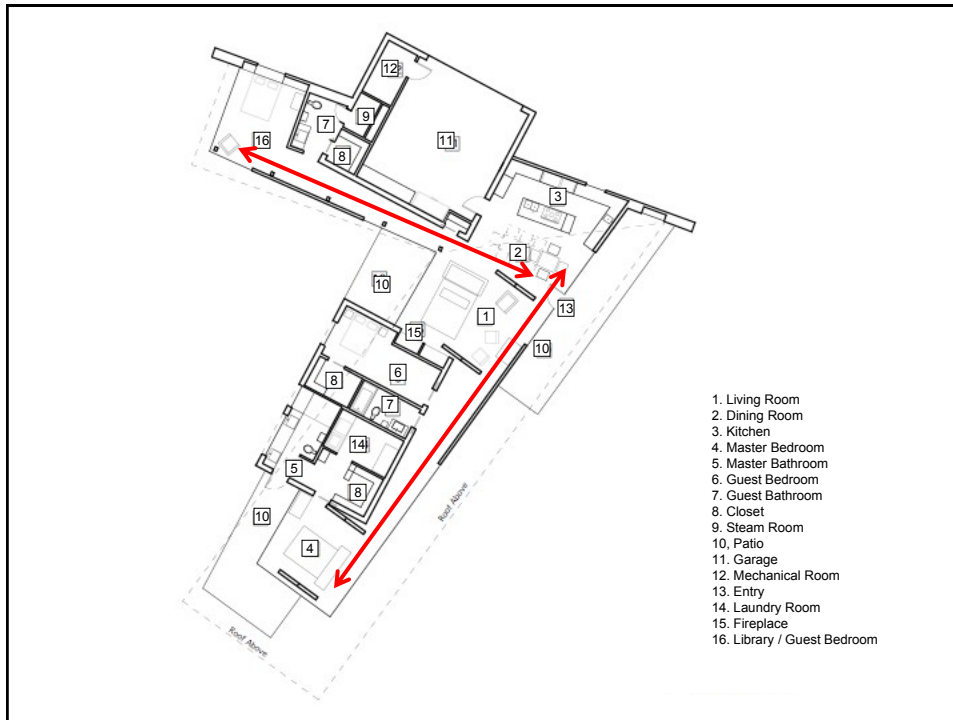
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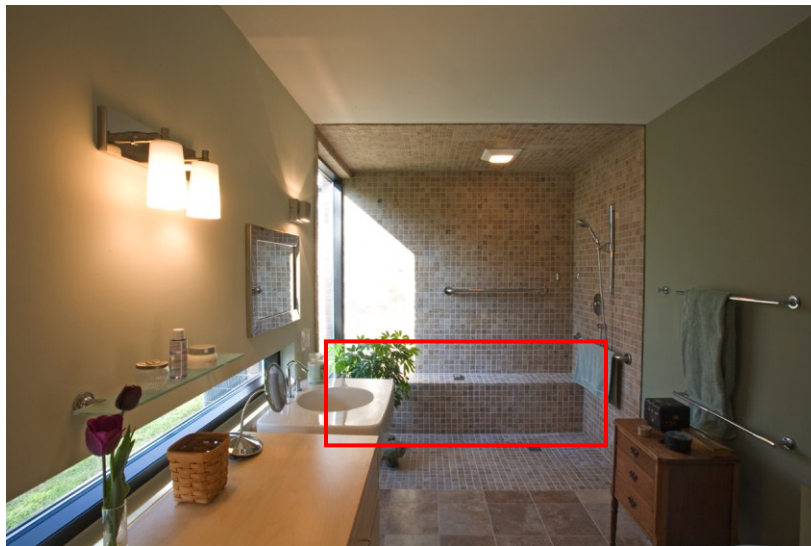
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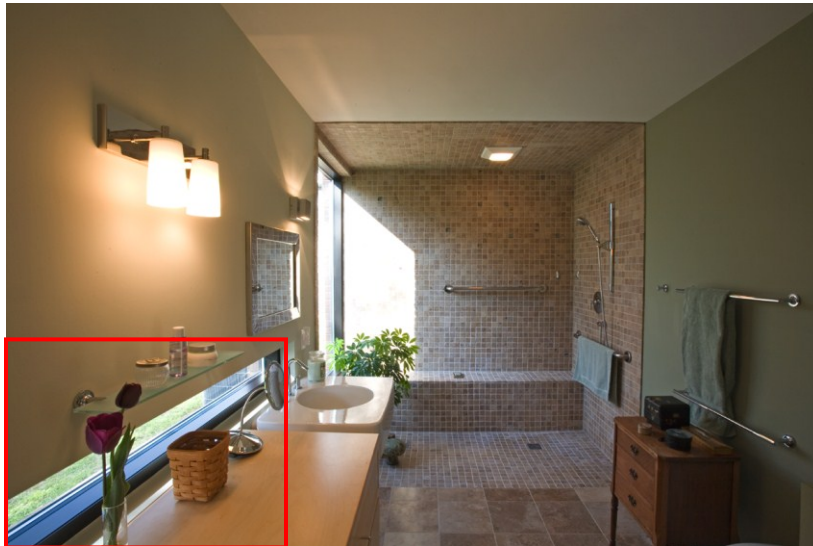
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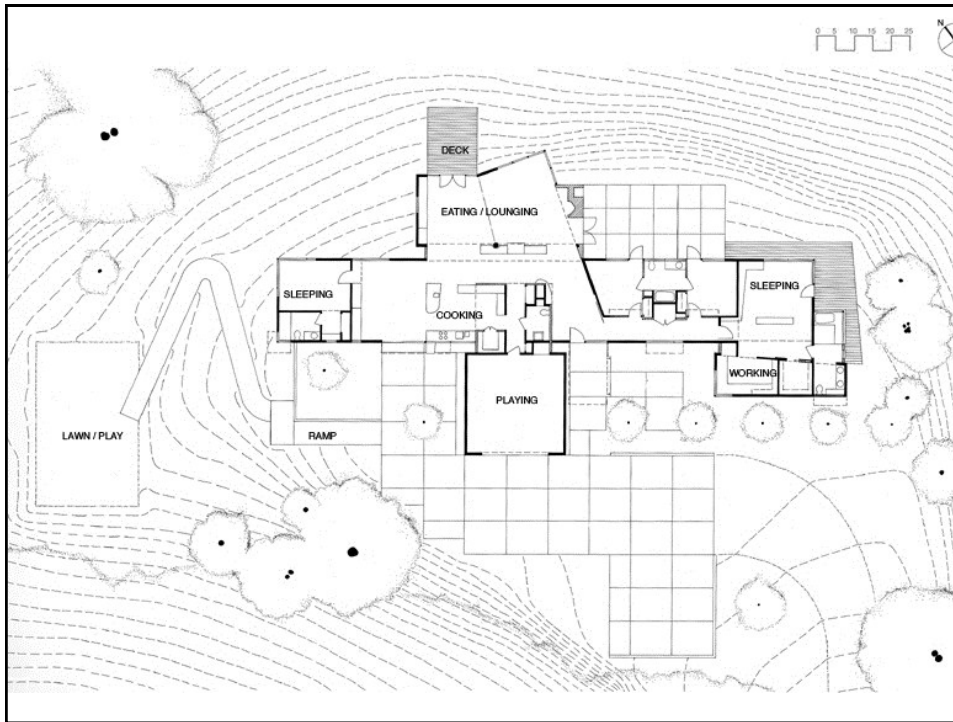


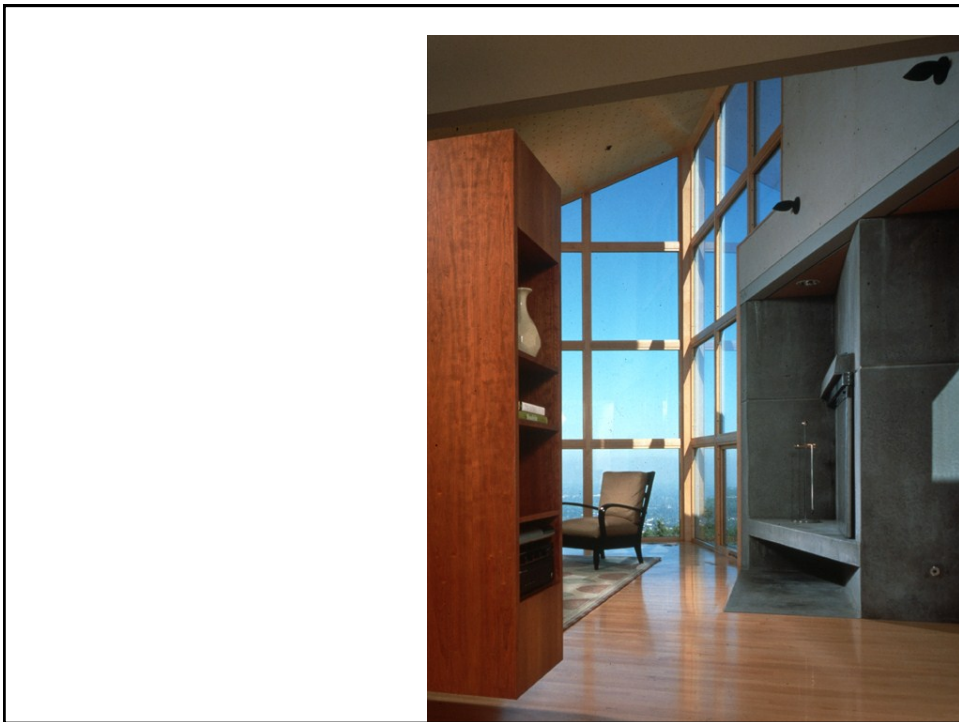
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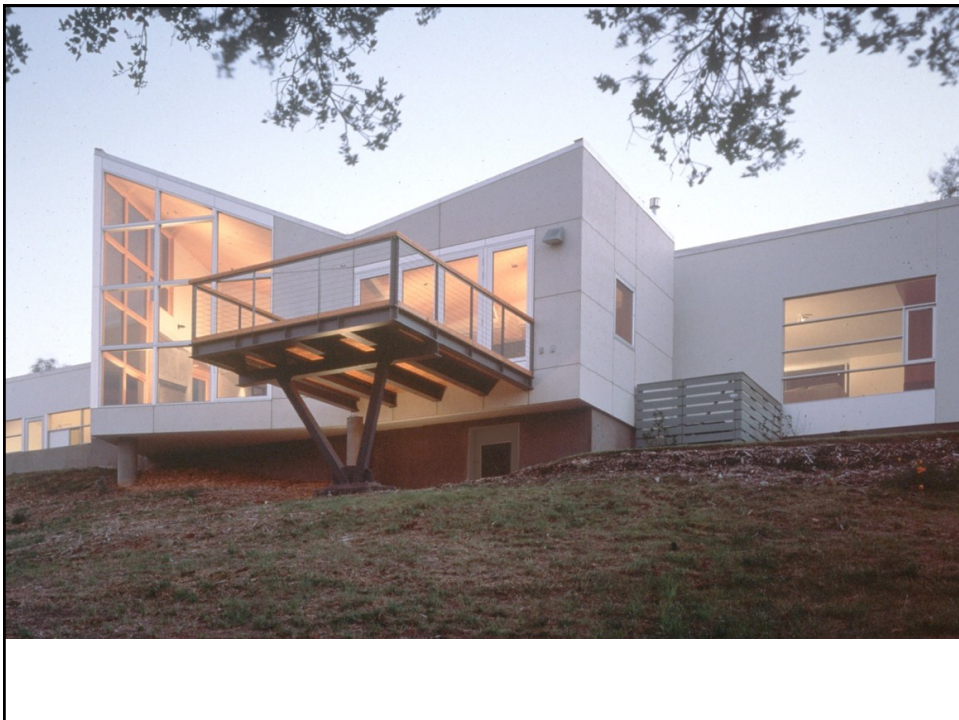
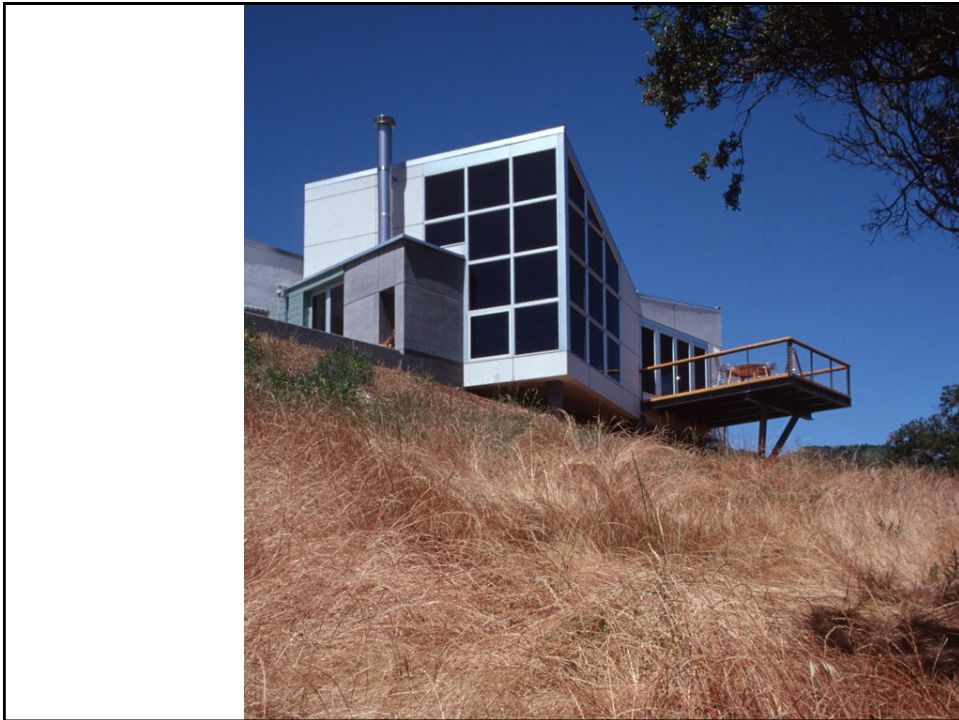
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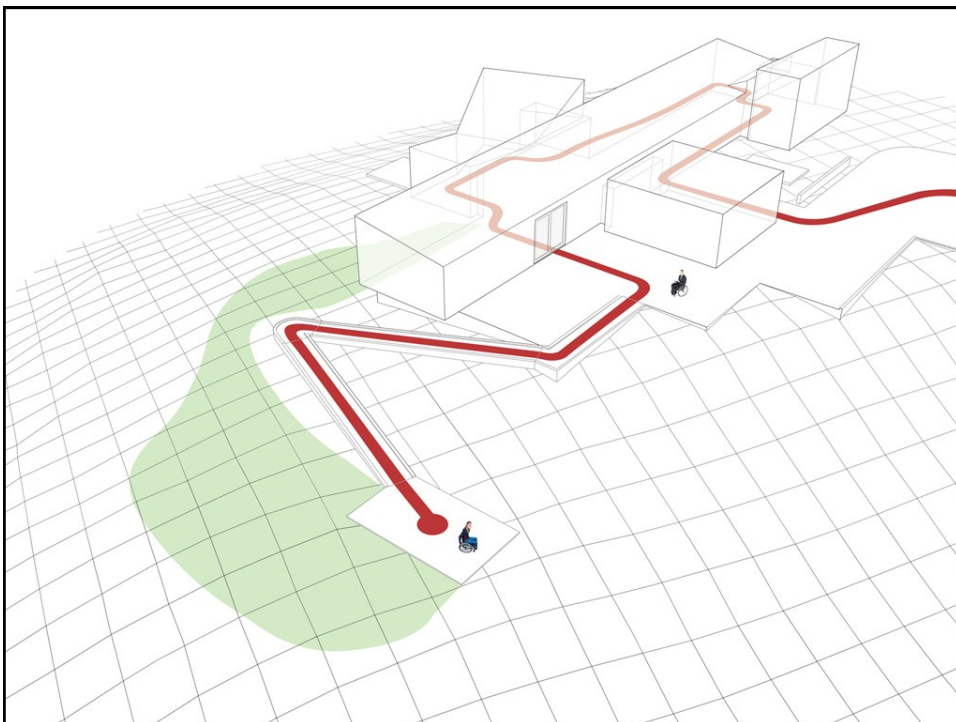
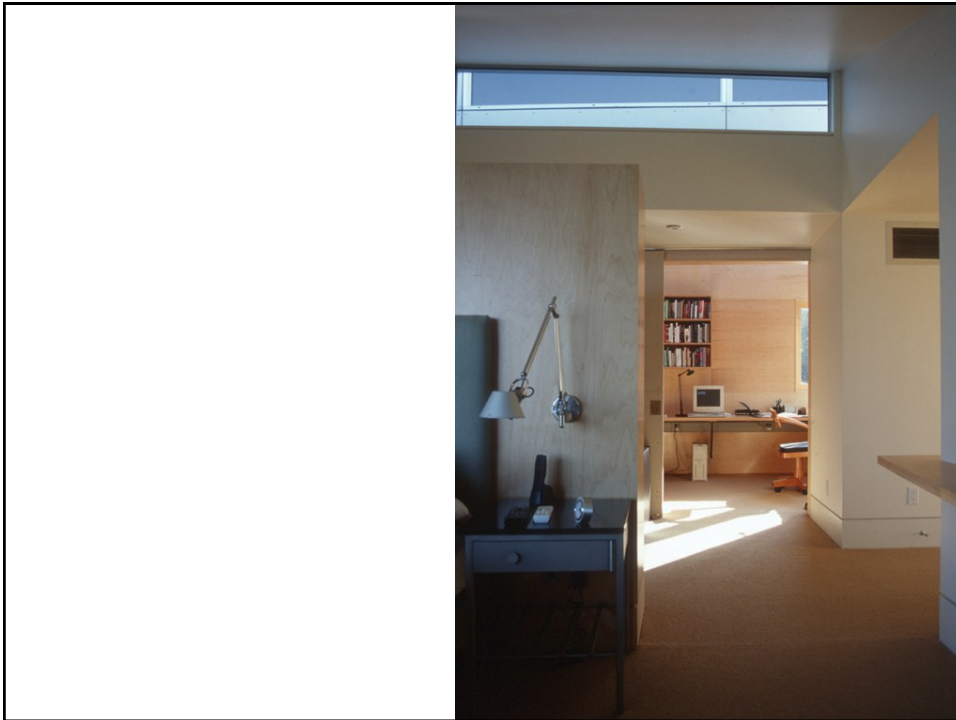






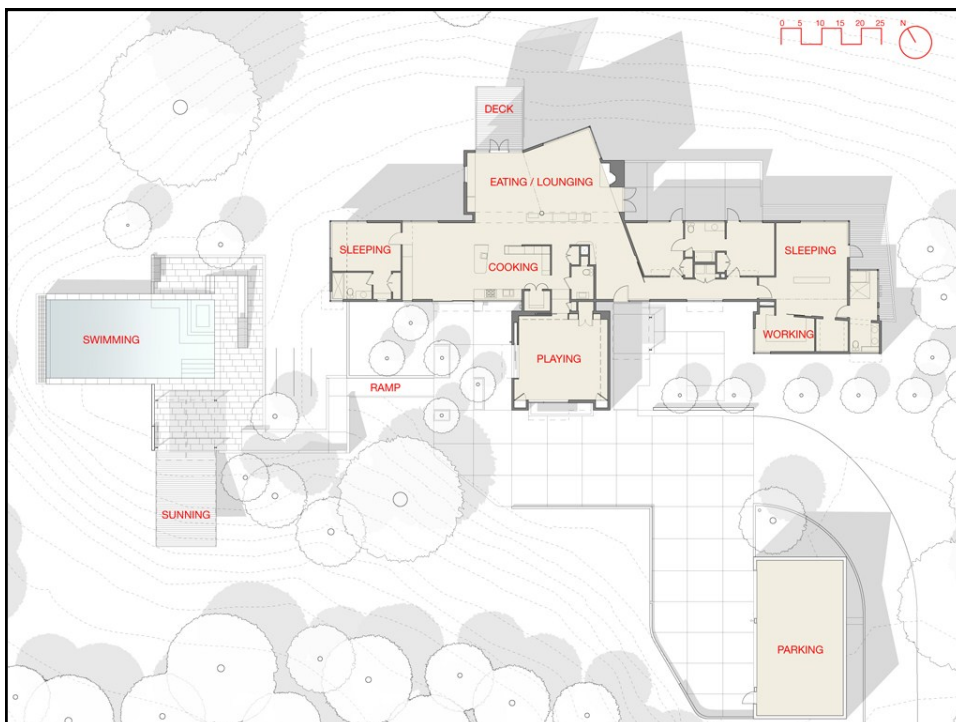
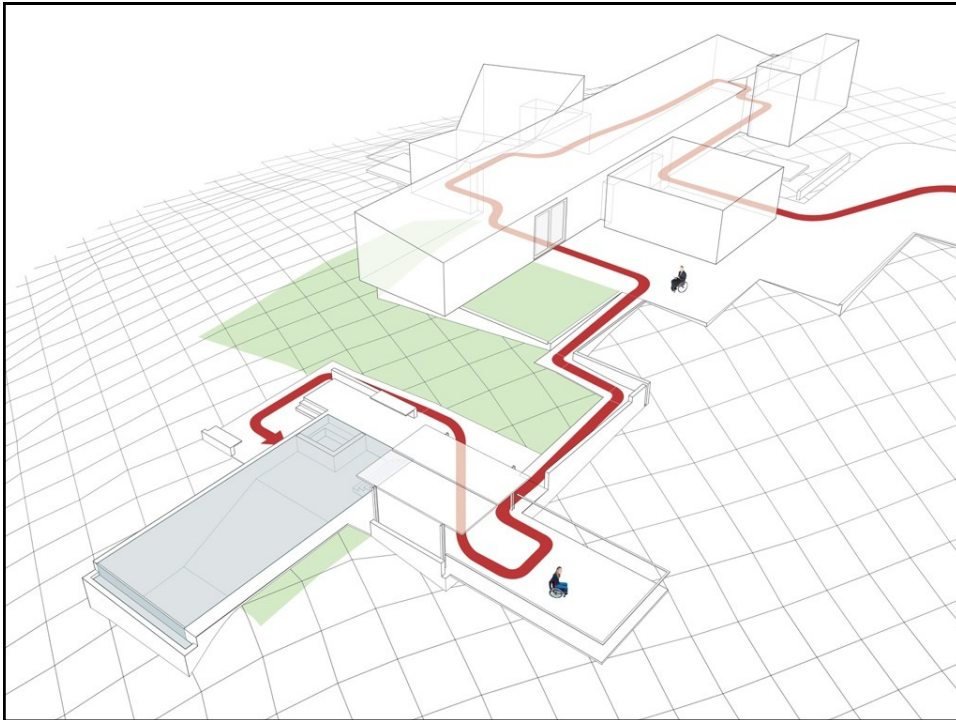




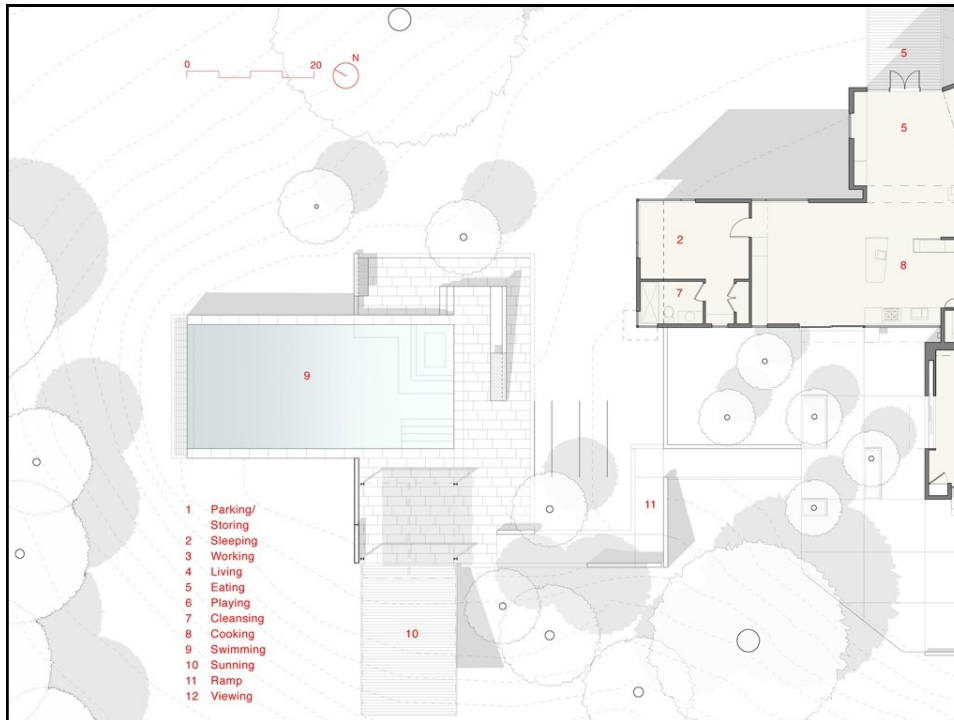




















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