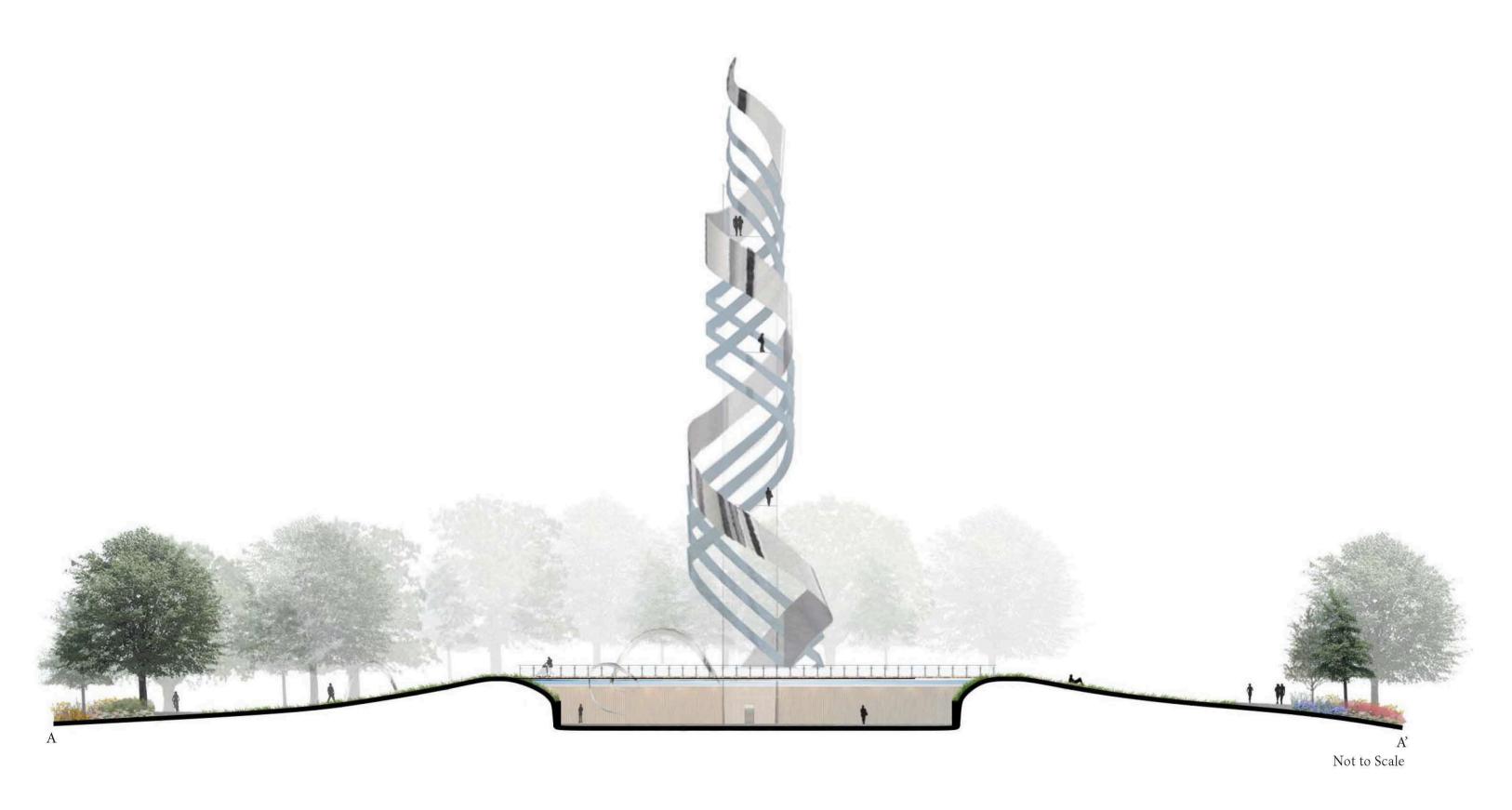
THE SILVER SPIRE



The "Silver Spire" icon creates a visual gateway into Little Rock that unites the major landmarks of the downtown area. The "Silver Spire" is located on the terminus of Capitol Avenue creating views towards the Capitol, the River Market, Heifer International, and the Clinton Library when viewed from the various levels within the spire. The inspiration was driven from the idea of a ribbon that unravels and leads visitors on a tour of the main attractions in Little Rock by way of the "Silver Ribbon". This ribbon, which originates from the main spiral, connects various landmarks creating interactive places of interest, seating, and a navigation system for tourists. The circular space underneath the "Silver Spire" could serve as an Arkansas information and history center. The park features dense native plantings along the perimeters used as bio swales in order to create a rainwater detention system and sustainable environment. Surrounding buildings could be renovated as restaurants and shops to establish a friendly, commercial environment around the site.



The "Silver Spire" is made of a reflective metal that responds well to various colors of lights in the evenings, similar to the lights featured on the bridges of Little Rock. A glass cylinder between the ribbon spirals features a glass elevator that allows visitors to travel up through the spire to three different levels to view the surrounding Little Rock landmarks. It is encompassed by a large, circular reflecting pool that reflects the icon itself and the lights.

