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2008 Schneider Store Austin, Texas

Project Description

Proposed new development on land adjacent to the vacant, rundown Schneider Store offered a monumental challenge: how to preserve the dignity and character of one of the city's most historic commercial buildings in the shadow of a much larger new project. Emily Little, working with the Texas Historical Commission, directed the removal of layers of paint from the Austin common brick, stabilized walls, identified original openings and fabricated new windows and doors to match the original design. The original painted signage was also restored. Today the building houses a successful restaurant across the street from Austin's new city hall. This historic landmark and the new Computer Science Corporation complex that stands next to it represent a harmonious joining of past, present and future along the shores of Lady Bird Lake.