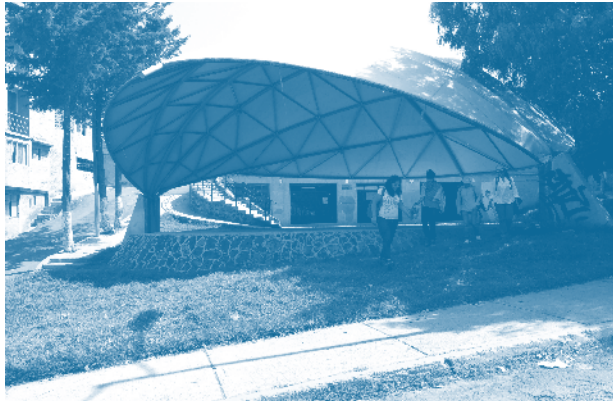


MIRAVALLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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WHAT IS IT AND WHEN WAS IT FOUNDED?

In 2006 a number of local organisations came together to form the Miravalle Community Council, with the goal of improving conditions in the neighbourhood.

WHERE AND WHAT?

Miravalle was built on former agricultural land in the late 1980s. It forms part of the Iztapalapa borough on the periphery of Mexico City, and is located on the side of a dormant volcano, overlooking the metropolitan urban landscape below.

IMPACT ON THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Concerned about a lack of safe recreational and cultural spaces, the community has transformed a number of previously abandoned public spaces into a wide variety of facilities and programmes, including a library, a digital

centre, a community dinner, an open forum, a health centre, a recycling centre and sports courts. In addition, the community is interested in sustainable approaches to development that directly benefit them by providing things such as access to affordable water and the protection of the adjacent nature reserve.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Miravalle Community Council has created a robust network of local stakeholders, specialists and civil organisations. Cooperation between these groups allows for improved communication with government structures. The ambition of the council is to foster local transformation, and, in the process, become a model for socio-cultural reactivation in other marginalised urban communities.



Existing dome and community complex with library, creamery and health centre, seen from dome