



2016 Winner

Dry Creek Trailhead

Submitted by: City of Clovis

The City of Clovis transformed a three-acre unimproved lot located at the southwest corner of Shepherd and Sunnyside Avenues into the Dry Creek Trailhead, an educational community recreation area that encourages alternative transportation, promotes healthy living, and protects natural resources.

The City of Clovis has taken to heart the wisdom of John F. Kennedy in his 1962 State of the Union Address, "The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining." A commitment to thoughtful planning provides a community the ability to grow naturally and smoothly in an organized manner. A priority goal is to make Clovis a great place for all families to live healthy, work productively, learn continuously, and play actively from generation to generation.

The Dry Creek Trailhead serves the community as a multi-use bicycle/pedestrian trailhead and rest area. It provides access to the regional trail system and offers users an opportunity to rest. It encourages the community to walk and bike for recreation as well as providing for an alternative mode of transportation. The Trailhead serves as a "Hub" to provide connection to downtown Clovis, local mass transit, recreational destination points, places of business, retail and educational facilities, and also the adjacent City of Fresno. Physical activity facilities have economic as well as health benefits.



The Trailhead serves as a safe meeting place to treasure the beautiful environment. The Trailhead has park-like features and a safe pedestrian friendly location with an eating/gathering area to encourage bike/walk mode share. Whether a family is out to enjoy the trail system, an afternoon lunch, or the weather, they will always feel welcome to enjoy the "farmland" atmosphere created by this Project. The Project's location adjacent to the Enterprise canal, Big Dry Creek, and orchards/farmland capitalizes on the educational opportunities provided by the natural qualities of the area as well as the history of the Central Valley.



Key features of the Trailhead include drought tolerant landscaping, a storm water retention system, and reduced construction and operational costs with a focus on conservation and improved water management. The Trailhead incorporates advancements in water management and sustainable open space to protect the environment. The project transformed what was once an unsightly vacant lot and brought life to the region as a trailhead to provide a variety of transportation choices and continue to improve the quality of life for the residents of the City of Clovis.

