

Arcade Creek Park Preserve Development

With over \$3.6 million, this project created the new Arcade Creek Park Preserve Development in Citrus Heights! Construction included new playground area, covered group picnic area, par course, multi-use trail, pathways, entry monument, kiosk, interpretive signage, parking lot and landscaping. The project will also restore and protect 900 linear feet of the creek channel by grading and re-vegetating with native plants. Using sustainable techniques and technology (Solar powered irrigation with Smart controller, Low Impact Development (LID) principles, recycled materials, natural fertilizers, Energy Efficiency – Outdoor motion-sensor LED lights) this project was also environmentally responsible.

Through community based planning meetings, Sunrise Recreation and Parks District met with residents, including youth, seniors, and families to select the features. Additional design ideas from residents included in the project area are:

- Play pocket stations along the trails.
- Improve access to the creek for many uses (teaching, painting, photography, free play).
- A footbridge over the creek and wetland boardwalk to provide places to paint, see wildlife, and have better access to these areas for teaching.
- Covered gathering space with tables, benches and water to be used for group picnics, drawing classes, and other events.
- A multi-generational play area themed with interactive elements reflecting the natural environment with climbing rocks/rock wall, spinning acorn, and sliding features.
- Art and Interpretive features along trails and near the entrance to explain the park resources such as flora and fauna, low impact development design solutions, local ecology, Nisenan culture, urban forestry facts, Arcade Creek and local history, wetlands and riparian area and their role in the environment, the hydrologic cycle, water quality issues, and flooding and its causes.

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