



Awards of Distinction

Category:

Outstanding
Renovated Facility
(Small District)

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Criteria: Honors excellence in design and planning of newly renovated public park facilities. Exhibits high standards of quality, versatility, accessibility, and community involvement.

Nominee: Nobel Creek Regional Park

District: Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District

District Submission:



Summary of Nomination

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation & Park District is proud to submit Noble Creek Regional Park for the 2026 CARPD Award of Distinction for Outstanding Renovated Facility. Originally established in 1972, Noble Creek Regional Park has long served as a cornerstone of the community. Through thoughtful and strategic upgrades, the District has revitalized this historic space while preserving its legacy.

Recent improvements focused on accessibility, usability, and overall visitor experience. The District completed ADA-compliant parking stall upgrades and enhanced sidewalk connectivity, ensuring equitable access for all patrons. New paseos with turf installation have improved circulation and aesthetics throughout the baseball and softball complex, creating a more welcoming and functional environment for players and spectators alike.

Beyond the core athletic facilities, the District has made significant enhancements across the entire park, including upgrades to the dog park, RV facilities, horse arena, RC racetrack, and

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pickleball courts. These improvements reflect a comprehensive approach to park maintenance and modernization, ensuring that all user groups benefit from a safe, clean, and enjoyable space.

Noble Creek Regional Park now serves over 1,000 visitors weekly, supporting a wide range of recreational activities and community gatherings. The revitalization has not only improved infrastructure but has also elevated the overall atmosphere of the park, reinforcing its role as a central hub for recreation in the Pass Area.



In addition to physical improvements, the District has introduced meaningful community elements that deepen the park's impact. A newly installed Youth Memorial Wall provides a dedicated space to honor children from the community who were lost too soon. Located at the very fields where many of them once played, the memorial offers families a place of remembrance, reflection, and connection. This feature has become a deeply valued part of the park, reinforcing its role not only as a recreational space, but as a place where community, memories, and legacy come together.

Through these efforts, the District has demonstrated its commitment to preserving community assets while adapting them to meet modern needs. Noble Creek Regional Park stands as a model for how thoughtful reinvestment can breathe new life into longstanding public spaces.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination

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Nominee: Village Park Renovation Project

District: Fair Oaks Recreation & Park District

District Submission:



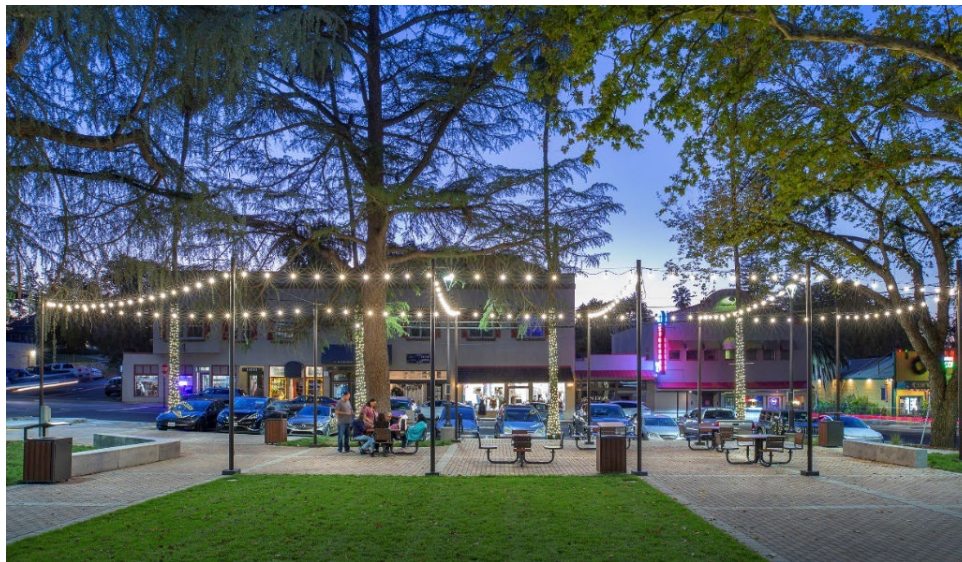
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The Village Park Renovation Project is the largest public investment ever made in Fair Oaks and reflects the District’s commitment to accessibility, cultural enrichment, and long-term community benefit. Driven by the vision established through Measure J—approved by 68.9% of Fair Oaks voters—the project transforms a historic but aging village core into a fully modern, inclusive, and vibrant public space that now serves as a cultural anchor for the region.

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The \$22 million renovation delivers a reimagined Veterans Memorial Amphitheater with 480 ADA-accessible seats, a flexible Black Box Theater, the renovated Community Clubhouse, an Arts & Crafts Building, and connected outdoor plazas that welcome residents of all ages and abilities. Community engagement guided every step of planning, from the original bond outreach through construction, ensuring that residents' priorities—accessibility, arts engagement, safety, walkability, and family-friendly spaces—were directly reflected in the outcome. The project also strengthens economic vitality in the Village by drawing visitors, supporting local businesses, and expanding year-round programming opportunities.



The design introduces multiple innovative elements, including universal-access pathways throughout the park, integrated performance lighting and sound systems, multi-use gathering spaces that transition seamlessly from daytime recreation to evening arts programming, and sustainable infrastructure improvements such as EV-charging integration and energy-efficient facility systems. New outdoor stages, flexible plaza layouts, and upgraded circulation routes further enhance the campus's ability to support concerts, festivals, educational programs, and community celebrations.

This project renews a cherished public space, expands access for all, and positions Fair Oaks as a regional destination for arts, recreation, and community connection. The Village Park Renovation stands as a model of thoughtful public investment, creative placemaking, and community-driven design—embodying the spirit of the CARPD Outstanding Renovated Facility Award.

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Nominee: Pardall Gardens Renovation

District: Isla Vista Recreation and Park District

District Submission:



Summary of Nomination

Completed in 2025, the Pardall Gardens Renovation transformed a small, underutilized parcel in the heart of Isla Vista into a vibrant and welcoming community gathering space. Located at 6514 Pardall Road within Isla Vista’s bustling business corridor, the 7,840 square-foot park sits along a busy pedestrian route near the bike tunnel connecting Isla Vista to the University of California, Santa Barbara. Once an unimproved lot lacking amenities, infrastructure, or a clear park identity, Pardall Gardens has been reimagined as “Peaceful Pardall”, a thoughtfully designed public space that reflects the character and needs of the Isla Vista community.

The renovation was guided by extensive community engagement and careful planning. In 2021, the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District conducted a three-month community survey to establish priorities for Measure O capital improvement funding. Based on strong public input, the IVRPD Board of Directors identified Pardall Gardens as the District’s top park

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renovation priority. IVRPD partnered with Pacific Coast Land Design to develop conceptual designs informed by stakeholder meetings, community workshops, onsite voting boards, and an online survey that gathered over 100 votes. The community selected the “Peaceful Pardall” concept, with an emphasis on natural landscaping, flexible seating, and a calm gathering environment within Isla Vista’s busy downtown.



The completed renovation demonstrates excellence in design, accessibility, and versatility. The project introduced accessible decomposed granite pathways and a footbridge to ensure ADA-compliant circulation throughout the park. New amenities include four benches, a picnic table, three bar-top seating areas, and a dedicated gathering space designed to accommodate both quiet use and small community events. Site lighting and electrical infrastructure, including three light poles and electrical outlets, support evening activity and programming.

A defining feature of Pardall Gardens is its connection to Isla Vista’s culture and environment. The park includes a small stage area with electrical access that supports Isla Vista’s vibrant music and performance culture, allowing the space to host live performances and community gatherings. The landscape design incorporates six trees and more than 580 native, drought-tolerant plants, creating a self-sustaining environment that relies exclusively on natural water sources, eliminating the need for artificial irrigation, supported by stormwater green infrastructure and xeriscape principles suited to California’s climate.

The project was made possible through a combination of funding sources, including the State of California’s Recreational Revenue Infrastructure Enhancement (RIRE) Grant, the Per Capita Program funded by Proposition 68, support from the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, and local Measure O funds approved by Isla Vista voters. With a total cost of \$787,747, these investments ensured that the community’s vision could become a reality.

Pardall Gardens officially opened on January 29, 2026, with a community celebration

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attended by more than 200 residents, students, and local leaders. The event featured live music, activities, and local treats, highlighting the park's role as a welcoming public space for gathering and connection. Since opening, Pardall Gardens has quickly become a peaceful hub where students study between classes and community members gather.

The Pardall Gardens Renovation demonstrates how even a small park can make a significant impact. The project has transformed an overlooked space into a beloved community asset.

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