

SERRMONTE LIBRARY STORMWATER GARDEN

DALY CITY, CA



Project Description

Transforming the existing Library front lawn into a stormwater treatment facility using California native plant systems adds an additional layer to an already vibrant, well-utilized and well-loved Serramonte Library / Gellert Park community gathering area. An ethnically diverse population uses the park and library consistently, and on any given day all of the parking spaces in the 2.7 acre parking area are occupied. The Serramonte Library Stormwater Treatment Garden is a bio-retention treatment area designed to clean 120,000 sf of runoff from the adjacent parking area. In addition, the system protects the building from seasonal flooding; reduces volume and pollution impacts on the downstream estuary; and provides an attractive entry garden to this active civic place. Graphic interpretive panels were designed and displayed on site in the gathering area near the front entrance. These panels illustrate the project's relationship to the greater Bay Area watershed, the design and function of the treatment gardens and describe Bay-friendly landscaping ideas that community members can implement in their own backyard. The panels were translated into Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog and are displayed inside the library.



Client

City of Daly City

Cost of Landscape

\$380,000

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landscape architecture