

Location: Desert Hot Springs, Riverside County

Timeframe: 2008 - 2009

Project Partners: City of Desert Hot Springs

Project Services

- Community outreach and workshops
- Existing conditions study
- Land use policy recommendations and economic development strategies
- Urban design standards



The project provided a plan to develop the CityWest Area within Desert Hot Springs to responsibly accommodate anticipated growth. Both housing and employment is accounted for while preserving the sensitive open space and species found in this scenic environment.

Goals

- Advance a sense of environmental stewardship
- Diverse mix of residents and supporting services
- Circulation and recreational opportunities
- Promote sustainable development
- Create a distinct community
- Cultivate commercial growth and investment

CityWest will strive to combine principles of “smart growth” with conventional suburban development that results in a vital, sustainable district that meets the needs of many different people, regardless of their income levels or transportation choices. Commercial investment in CityWest will complement the downtown with a mix of local and regional serving facilities that provide a diversified approach to business attraction and tourism. CityWest will serve as an example of how planned conservation, under the MSHCP, and planned development, under the Desert Hot Springs General Plan, can achieve balance.

Results

- Study area of 3,300 acres
- Urban design guidelines and standards
- Proposed sustainable design principles
- Land use strategies and recommendations
- Policy implementation strategies