

Facts & Figures

Owner: Town of Winter Park

Type of Project: Expansion of an existing park and a new events center

Size: 3 acres

Construction Time: Fall 2007 - Summer 2008

The Need: A new events center with amenities and more space

The Challenge: Keeping the park open while under construction and dealing with massive amounts of snow

Winter Park, Colorado

Hideaway Park Expansion and Events Center, Phases I and II

The Town of Winter Park wanted to expand Hideaway Park and create an events center while keeping the existing skate park, playground and amphitheater open.

This proved to be a challenge for the project team, as did the 50 inches of snow on the ground in April 2008. According to Tony Perdue, PE, project manager/superintendent for ECI Site Construction Management, Inc., the project's construction manager/general contractor, the challenge of keeping existing areas open was solved with phasing plans and coordinating very condensed schedules. As for the snowfall, "we started plowing the snow off the site, which gave us 60 days to grade, set irrigation,

and have sod down for the first concert event," he said.

The project is a triumph in and of itself, with various elements designed and installed in the coldest part of the state at 8,790 feet above sea level. The project features a climbing wall and radiant-heat concrete plazas. Walls and columns are made of natural hand-chiseled stone, and a special "snowmelt system" is incorporated into upper plazas, stairs and restrooms to allow access to these

areas year-round. Shade structures were erected to protect concert attendees from rain and snow. "Hideaway Park integrated components of the natural surroundings with functional, contemporary technology," said Perdue.

Hideaway Park is a unique and functional place for outdoor fun, with enough technology and built-in heating elements to keep it open for year-round interest and use. ■

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