

Pierce County Environmental Services Building

Tacoma, WA



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Pierce County wanted to reclaim their resources. Their goal was to rejuvenate the Chambers Creek Properties, home to the Pierce County Environmental Services Building. The county remediated the site, which was once a gravel mine, to include a golf course, arboretum, environmental education center and sports fields. The project opened in 2002, and the American Institute of Architects' selected it as a Top Ten Green Projects in 2004.

Aldrichpears developed indoor and outdoor exhibits that interpret Pierce County's environmental services. Topics include the building's sustainable design, the site's history and geology, gray water reclamation, landscaping and erosion control. The exhibits aim to be relevant to each visitor and instill a sense of responsibility for the environment.

APA worked on the planning and design of exhibits and interpretive signage for the sustainable environmental services building and site.

