



Mariposa Community Center

Phase one of the Mariposa Community Center is a new one story 10,000 square foot fitness center. The center features two swimming pools, an exercise room, and also incorporated into the design is a beverage bar and café. Phase Two will provide to the community highly valuable meeting spaces.

The center is designed to further a commitment to creating a sustainable and pedestrian oriented community. The project has set a goal to achieve LEED-Silver Certification. Off street parking has been eliminated, open space is maximized by utilizing a reduced building footprint, and materials are specified to contain a high percentage of recycled materials.

The architecture of the building is composed from familiar elements from New Mexico's ancient vernacular with a modern interpretation. The café, which is the gathering area, is circular shaped and reminiscent of Kiva's commonly seen in native ruins acting as the anchor for the building. This is further exemplified by its solid mass and punched openings. The lobby is the transition between the café' and fitness activities, and distinguished by its serpentine storefront.

The Yoga/Fitness Room interrupts the south facing glass façade the solid element acts as another solid element to define its use. Colors used throughout the building are borrowed from scenery in the landscape and sky, ranging from bold to neutral colors.

The landscape design for the Mariposa Community Center addresses the existing character of the site and provides a formal structure to emphasize the modern forms of the building. Strong lines of trees and shrubs run parallel to the walls surrounding the pool area. The pool area has a repetitive pattern that highlights the tall architectural walls and provides openings to the views beyond the site. Plants are patterned along the front of the building to further mark important architectural features and follow the forms of the overall design.

Location: Rio Rancho, NM

Size: 10,000sf

Completion: Conceptual Stages

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