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How do you capture the essence of this great Rancho Palos Verde Coastline?

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

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What do these facilities have in common?

Wayfarer's Chapel

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What do these facilities have in common?

Point Vicente Light House Complex

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What do these facilities have in common?

Point Vicente Interpretive Center

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What do these facilities have in common?

The buildings are nestled within trees

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What do these facilities have in common?

And there is a lot of Open Space

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What do these facilities have in common?

They are setback from the street

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What do these facilities have in common?

They are integrated
into the environment

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What makes these buildings special?

They are inviting

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What makes these buildings special?

Their design is simple and elegant

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They relate to their setting, unlike this!

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What makes these buildings special?

Their form follows
their function

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What makes these buildings special?

Their design respects the earth by fitting into its natural slope

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What makes these buildings special?

They incorporate
native materials

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What makes these buildings special?

They respond to views

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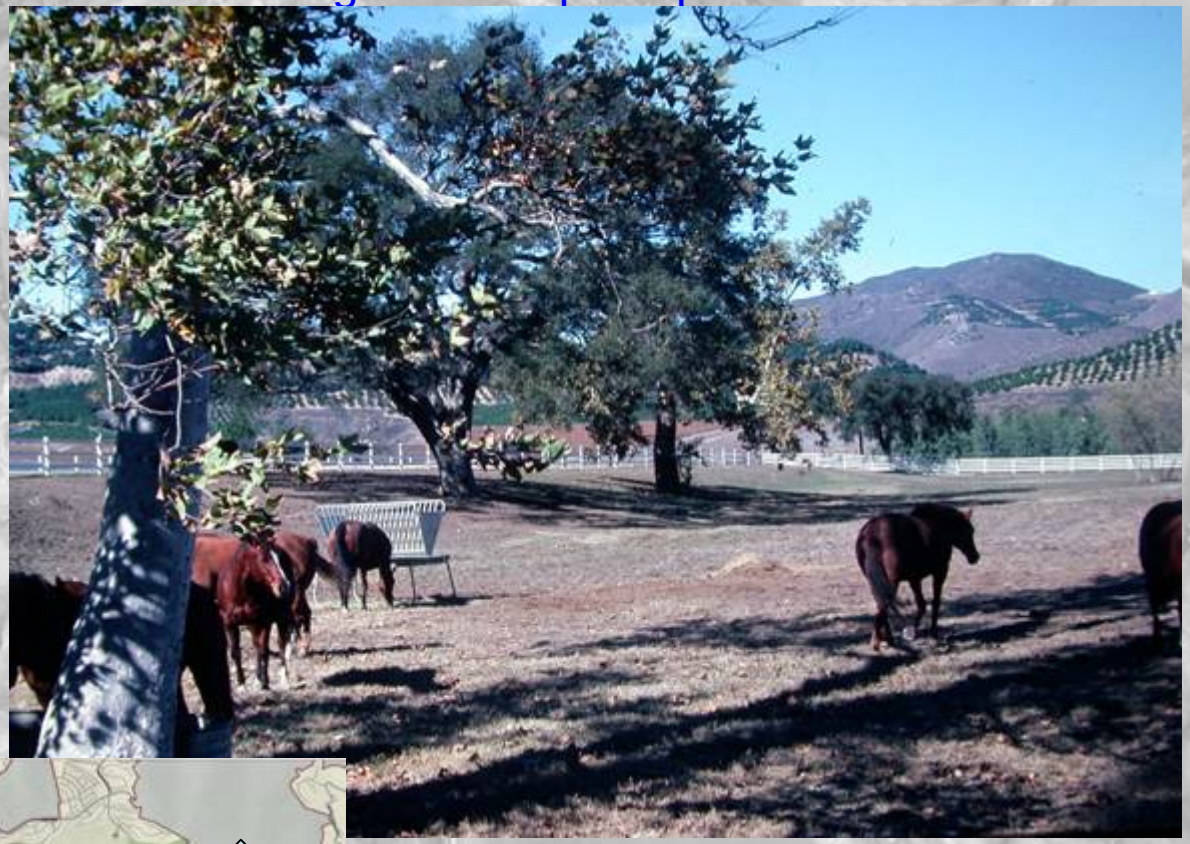
A fitting use for open space



Equestrian Center

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Due to soil conditions, facilities will have to be a "non structure"

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Building a respect for nature without buildings

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Parking and access are critical issues

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Views can be protected with earth sheltered structures

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The Village Green as an integral part of the natural open space.

How can the various uses integrate into the Central Green?

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Amphitheaters come in all types. Decisions will have to be made as to what type and function & operation

Grass seating?

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Fixed seating?

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Grass with concrete seating?

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Concrete seating without grass?

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With a stage?

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Finding a place to park cars on this site will be a challenge!!

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Parking Structures can become landscaped rooftop view plazas

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What to do with the maintenance facilities????

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Lets look at the PVIC for integrated, context-sensitive design

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Designing around existing tree provides a pleasant arrival entry

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Take advantage of the view

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Open up to the outdoors for people to enjoy

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Provide view terraces

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For people to enjoy

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Ability to use the facility for teaching environmental concepts

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Native plants, trails & views

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Interesting interior spaces

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Providing a positive quality design theme and continuity

Is more than tile roofs….

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Follow nature's lead……. Keep it simple

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

Follow nature's lead……. Make it beautiful

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

Follow nature's lead……. or dramatic

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

Follow nature's lead……. Make it inspiring

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

Follow nature's lead…… Expose the structure

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

Structures should respect the neighborhood

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

Use sustainable materials

Strawbale

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

It has to be made safe

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What are good architectural principles for the RPV Coastline?

And be sure to make it fun!!!!!!