



Recreation Engineering & Planning

TRUCKEE/RENO WHITEWATER PARK & DAM REMOVAL

RENO, NV

The Reno Whitewater Park has perhaps been the most successful whitewater park, in terms of reviews and usage, ever built. Though located on the banks of the Truckee, Reno has historically turned its back on the river in lieu of its indoor attractions. This changed recently with the completion of the 4.5 million dollar Reno Whitewater Park. Mayor Robert Cashell has called the Reno Whitewater Park the best capital investment project he has made in ten years of being mayor. What was once a deteriorating section of the City has been revitalized to become Reno's greatest natural attraction, and has aided downtown renewal efforts. "A bumper crop of restaurants, shops, galleries, and a 12-screen movie theater now thrive along the river's banks" (The New York Times). In addition, the park represents over \$1 million in free advertising for the city in the first six months alone. Enhancements include natural rock terracing, whitewater features, shaded river-bank seating and beach access. Other features include an outdoor amphitheater, trail system, and large grassy festival area. The Reno Whitewater Park has played host to a national pro kayaking event, and to countless local tubers every day.

CHEIF ENGINEER:

GARY LACY

**CONSTRUCTION
SERVICES:**

MIKE HARVEY

DATE COMPLETED:

FALL 2003

PROJECT COST:

\$1.3 MILLION

The benchmark project for whitewater parks as urban revitalization projects.



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