

Jeffrey Open Space Trail



Location

Irvine, California

Client

Irvine Community Development Company

SWA Scope

Master planning, community outreach and

Landscape architectural services

Size

90 acres - 36.4 hectares

Awards

ASLA Southern California Chapter Honor Award,
Land and Water Reclamation and Conservation Design

SWA provided landscape architecture services for the Jeffrey Open Space Trail, a three-mile-long spine that when completed, will connect approximately 96 acres of parks and trails. This passive network of trails serves as an open-space connection between residential neighborhoods and active recreation parks. With the vision of creating a world-class park system that connects the community to nature, SWA focused on classic Olmsted landscape design principles, including simple, beautiful grading and plant massing, as well as the creation of a sequential series of spaces. The native, rustic character of the planting material enhances the natural experience not only for trail users, but also for daily commuters driving down Jeffrey Road. The design provides a fresh sense of place that serves as a stark and arresting contrast with the typical "clipped-lawn" character common to this area.

