

RECREATION CENTERS

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Lone Tree Recreation Center

Lone Tree, Colorado

Client	• South Suburban Recreation District
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Budget	• Phase I - \$11 million
Completion	• Phase I - 2004

The 54,200 s.f. Lone Tree Recreation Center is the first public facility to be built in the newly incorporated City of Lone Tree, serving the South Suburban Parks and Recreation District. As one of the first buildings in the “New Urbanist” development, its architectural character set the tone for all subsequent development.

The architectural character of the facility was fashioned as a collection of farm buildings, similar in nature to the indigenous farms which once dotted this rural area. We tried to capture the flavor of the farm with a modern expression. The pool and gymnasium spaces represent barns; the fitness and lobby spaces are like an infill breeze-way connecting to the farm house, represented by the community wing. Each of these components has



their own material palette and character to suggest that they may have been built at different times.

What would a farm be without its representative silo or wind mill? We created a small tower element in the corner of the baby sitting room to anchor one corner of the community wing. We also designed the main entry vestibule as a vertical punctuation landmark. The use of exposed wood, native sandstone and concrete all serve to create a warm and rich palette of materials.

Pool design and engineering by Water Technology, Inc. of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

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