

RECREATION CENTERS

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Wheat Ridge Recreation Center

Wheat Ridge, Colorado

Client	• City of Wheat Ridge
Contact	• Joyce Manwaring, Director, • Parks and Recreation 303.231.1308
Budget	• \$11 million
Completion	• 2000

History and innovation meet in this award-winning dynamic center. Wheat Ridge citizens dreamed of having their own recreation center for fifteen years, and turned out by the hundreds at public meetings to declare their support and work together to make their dream a reality. A century-old preserved barn welcomes guests to the site, a reminder of the community's agricultural heritage. Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture incorporated this well-known landmark's timeless style into the design of the 69,000 s.f. center.

The Center includes leisure aquatics, competition lap pool, climbing wall, gym, fitness and weight training, aerobics studio, jog/walk track, baby sitting room, multipurpose room with catering kitchen, party and classroom.

The recreation center has become a popular place for



wedding receptions, seminars, banquets, and business functions.

Residents passed a 1997 sales tax initiative and doors opened in February, 2000.

- 2000 "Best Public Swimming Pool" by *The Denver Post*
- 2000 "Best Swimming Pool" by *Westword*
- Featured tour, Recreational Facilities Design & Management School, sponsored by *Athletic Business* magazine

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