



TIERRA VERDE GOLF CLUB

ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Natural Region Texas / Oklahoma Plains

Watershed: Lower West Fork Trinity

As the City of Arlington Parks & Recreation Department faced the need to expand sport facilities, its goal was to conserve existing natural resources and cut operating budgets, while providing quality recreational opportunities. The result is two facilities that showcase the region's unique biodiversity, provide an educational interpretive program for the communities, and offer sport enthusiasts an outlet for their activities. Located within the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex, The Reserve is a 250-acre recreational facility that includes a golf course and an adjacent sports center built on a site historically used for cattle grazing, hunting, and homesteading. Tierra Verde (which means green earth) Golf Club, an 18-hole municipal course, comprises only 93 acres of the site. An additional 150 acres, including creeks, bottomland hardwoods, native grassland, and prairies is preserved. One hundred fifteen acres, including wildflowers and native plum thickets, remained untouched during development and provides valuable cover and food sources for insects, birds, and mammals. Ten acres of degraded land were reestablished with bluestem, Indiangrass, switchgrass, and sprangletop. Five acres of ponds and over 9000 linear feet of shoreline were created to provide habitat and water sources for migratory waterfowl. Tierra Verde uses raw water for irrigation. This water, which is tapped prior to purification, conserves potable water for domestic consumption and provides cost savings. On October 11, 2000, Tierra Verde Golf Club was certified as the first Signature Sanctuary in Texas and the 22nd Certified Audubon International Signature Sanctuary in the world.



Native vegetation creates a corridor system throughout Tierra Verde providing the opportunity for uninhibited movement of wildlife across the property.