

## METZ/ORCHARD PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

300 ORCHARD LANE SOLEDAD CA 93960

### *Project Information Sheet*

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Owner: **City of Soledad**

Landscape Architect: **BFS Landscape Architects**

Construction Manager: **MNS Engineers**

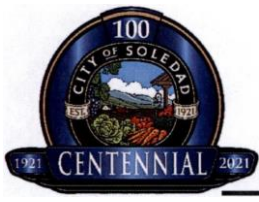
Contractor: **Monterey Peninsula Engineering**

**Total Project Cost:** \$7.7 million

Construction of a new community park started in June 2022 and is anticipated to be completed: **Spring 2023**. The design of the park was based on extensive community input resulting from at least 10 community meetings. These meetings included city council and parks and recreation committee meetings, park design activities held at several schools, design workshops with residents, and email outreach to solicit public input

On April 6, 2022, the City of Soledad City Council awarded a Construction Contract to Monterey Peninsula Engineering for the Metz/Orchard Park Development Project which includes the development of a 3.5 acre site into a community park site. The park development project consists of the construction of a parking lot, skate park, dog park, inclusive playground, sprayground, restroom facility, multiple picnic areas and a large central grass space for gathering and events. The park will also feature art installations from local artists, capturing the vibrant and diverse community of Soledad. The park will provide amenities for both local and regional community members.

- The playground at the park is an inclusive playground providing universal access. The custom playground equipment was designed with child behavioral specialists focusing on play activities that stimulate emotional, social, and physical skill building. In addition to the custom play equipment there are several opportunities for children to swing, slide, rock and climb and play side by side.
- The skatepark at the park was a community designed park feature. The skatepark designer created online surveys and participated in community outreach events to design a skate park that incorporates the skating priorities of the community. The new skatepark will replace the existing modular skate park that has fallen into disrepair.
- The sprayground at the park is a custom sprayground designed to accommodate families and children of all ages. Designed to minimize water waste the sprayground is a recirculating



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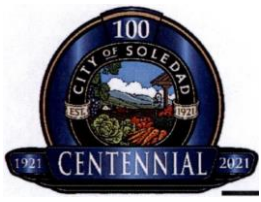
system that cycles through multiple filters and uv light filters to ensure that the water quality meets the state and county health standards. The sprayground will operate seasonally and during the off season the sprayground will function as a gathering space for community events.

- The park project is designed to meet all the state requirements for managing and treating stormwater. The stormwater management is an integrated design elements through the entirety of the park site. A nature walk runs along side a bioswale that captures and channel storm to the larger retention basins. The nature walk is planted with native plants that are attractive to pollinators and butterflies.
- The benefits of the park are multi-fold. This new park is the first park of its kind in Soledad providing the community with a diverse range of programming and activities. The park is designed for multi-generation use and both passive and active recreation.
- The benefits from the park will improve the health, wellness, and safety of the Soledad community.
- The impacts of the project will be the traditional inconveniences during park construction projects, temporary traffic management controls may be in place during the project. Throughout the construction process, Monterey Peninsula Engineering (M.P.E.) and the City of Soledad will keep the community informed on progress and potential traffic impacts with Project Information Signs. Working hours will be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The project site will be secured at the end of each workday. ***The City & M.P.E. are committed to completing this work quickly, efficiently, and safely and appreciate the public's patience and understanding.***

**About the City of Soledad**

The City of Soledad is community of more than 25,000 residents in the heart of the Salinas Valley. For more information about the City visit <https://www.cityofsoledad.com/>

Attachment: Metz/Orchard Park Development Site Plan, List of Orchard Park Contact Information



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