

Dallas Heritage Village Visitor Center



Location

Dallas, Texas

Project Duration

2002 – completed

Cost of Construction

\$15 million

Square Footage

52,000 square feet

Scope of Services

Master planning services
Museum planning
Historic research
Fund-raising materials
Architectural renderings
Phased master planning

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ARCHITEXAS was commissioned by the Dallas Heritage Village, formerly Old City Park, to design a master plan for the site and a new Visitor Center to be located on property immediately adjacent to the museum. Dallas Heritage Village, established in early 1970's, is a living history museum located on the site of Dallas' first City Park, also the site of the first source of city water. The visitor center is designed to both orient the visitor to Dallas Heritage Village's living history museum and to interpret the history of the village and the importance of water to the development of Dallas. Water is the inspiration for a series of interpretive objects organized around a Gathering Space. An interpretation of the village's first pump house serves as the primary visitor center with exhibit space, an orientation theater and a museum shop. An Orientation Cistern will house school groups and classrooms. A Water Works Café, a Sunken Garden, and a scale model of the Trinity River are all grouped around the Gathering Space. Foremost among the design considerations was the visitor's experience and orientation to the living history museum.