

Rio Vista Whitewater Park—After



RIO VISTA WHITEWATER PARK, SAN MARCOS RIVER

The recently completed Whitewater Park in San Marcos, Texas is another noteworthy achievement by Recreation Engineering and Planning. The beautiful San Marcos River has long impacted its local economy by attracting visitors to enjoy its banks and test its waters. Recreation Engineering and Planning was commissioned to rebuild the failing Rio Vista Dam, located at the heart of this recreational hub, with a design solution that was tailored to preserve and enhance existing use by swimmers, tubers, boaters and spectators at the site. The new whitewater park provides a recreational amenity that will attract tourists and locals alike throughout an extended boating season in San Marcos, further benefiting the city's economy. Plus, by removing the failing concrete side walls and grading the river banks down to the water, REP reduced the cost of the dam replacement from \$1.8 million to less than \$0.5 million, and was able to complete the project in under four months.

- > Repaired a failing dam
- > Increased recreational usage by pedestrians, tubers and boaters
- > Drastically reduced the project cost by removing concrete walls and grading the bank down to the river
- > Cost savings of \$1.3 mil.
- > Stunning aesthetic improvement

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We get the job off the paper

And on the Water...

COMPLETED:

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Whitewater park that repairs a failing dam and increases recreational use of the San Marcos river through an extended boating season in San Marcos, with a design that is both time and cost efficient.

Construction Cost: \$0.5 million



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