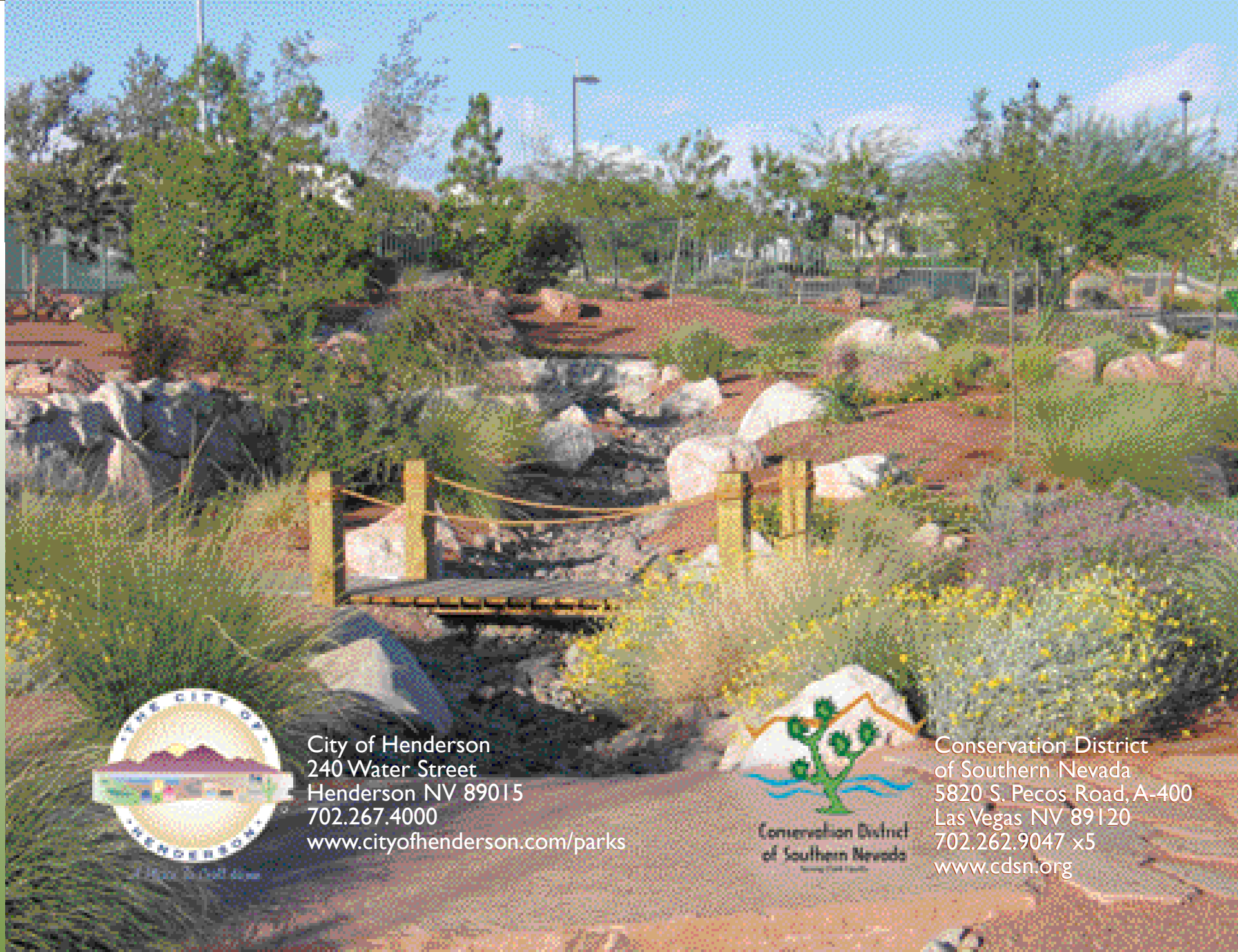
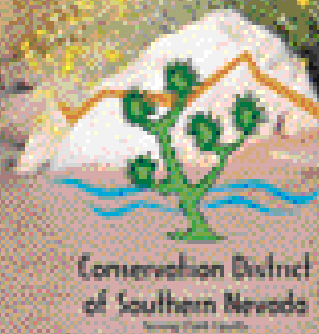


The Acacia Demonstration Gardens are the result of a unique partnership between the Henderson community, public agencies, and the private sector. The City of Henderson and the Conservation District of Southern Nevada conceived the Gardens as a showcase for how the community could wisely conserve water, our most precious resource. Henderson residents agreed that the Gardens should be a demonstration of plants, trees and flowers that would succeed in the desert environment and our own backyards. The Gardens opened in late 2004, and will continue to grow and evolve with the seasons and input from visitors.

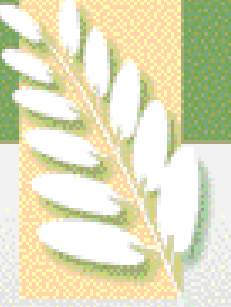
The Acacia Demonstration Gardens are made possible by the dedication of more than thirty community partners, including City of Henderson and Conservation District of Southern Nevada staff. The Gardens are the result of hundreds of volunteer hours, generous private donations, and government grants. By taking advantage of the learning opportunities the Gardens provide, visitors can choose a proactive approach to water conservation and maintain the City of Henderson's high quality of life, ensuring that Henderson remains "a Place to Call Home."



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Acacia DEMONSTRATION Gardens



50 Casa Del Fuego, Henderson, Nevada

Choose a path and begin your journey through the Acacia Demonstration Gardens.

Garden Map



Henderson is located in the Mojave Desert, where extreme variation in daily temperature and an average annual precipitation of less than five inches requires significant amounts of water to maintain non-native landscapes. Desert plants have adapted to the extremes of heat and aridity by using both physical and behavioral mechanisms that reduce their dependence on water, and thus help us conserve our precious resource.

The Acacia Demonstration Gardens, a unique feature of the City of Henderson's Acacia Park, prove that water conservation need not result in dreary yards and barren landscapes. The Gardens offer visitors a wealth of practical knowledge and creative ideas for conservation, relying on the unique beauty of our desert environment. Within the Gardens you will find examples of plantings and landscape features to create your own desert retreat. Nineteen distinct gardens are situated on 2.8 acres, demonstrating beautiful and water efficient landscapes.

Many of the new residents who move to Henderson each year are unfamiliar with gardening in the desert. The Acacia Demonstration Gardens give our citizens—from children to senior adults—the opportunity to learn how they can adapt water-efficient landscaping for their homes. Master Gardeners and other volunteers conduct free workshops for all ages, teaching park visitors how to utilize water-efficient irrigation and landscaping in their own backyards.



Allergy Friendly Garden

The arrival of Europeans in the Mojave Desert changed local ecology. Newcomers brought non-native plants that increased airborne pollen. Learn why native plants are great choices for allergy sufferers and choose plants to incorporate into your sneeze-free yard.



Cactus Garden

Cacti have a structure perfectly adapted to desert life and are a visually unique addition to any water-conscious landscape. View a sample of the more than 200 cactus species found only in the Mojave Desert.



Outside Living and Entertaining Garden

In the Southwest, opportunities for outdoor living are abundant. Take advantage of our warm climate and get some ideas for incorporating functional turf and beautiful patio spaces into your yard.



Dry Wash Demonstration

Over-irrigation of lawns creates runoff and causes water waste. Excess water travels through the Valley, eventually reaching Lake Mead. The dry wash running through the Gardens is an example of how landscape design can trap runoff and divert it to plants in your yard.



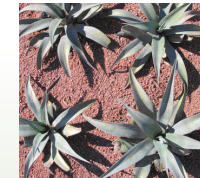
Mediterranean Garden

Create a desert oasis in your own backyard. Lush plantings don't always require large amounts of water. Several species found in this garden conserve water and are well-suited for desert life.



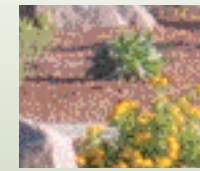
Native Garden

The Mojave Desert is home to more than 2,500 native plant species, many not found anywhere else in the world. Why not choose a few for your own yard?



Near Native Garden

Many plants from neighboring climates are adapted to life in the Mojave Desert, and would make appropriate choices for your yard.



Gardens for Small Yards

Small yards are well-suited to certain types of plantings that are more delicate in nature or achieve limited size. View creative small landscape designs in this area.



Wildlife Friendly Garden

Interact with the desert by inviting local wildlife into your yard. This garden demonstrates appropriate plants and habitat requirements for native animals.



Turf Demonstration Area

Minimize the impact of grass in your desert landscape by selecting turf that uses the least amount of water. This area also provides information on soil management and proper landscape irrigation.



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