



**JUDGES' COMMENTS:**  
"Great answer to  
a community's needs."

## BEST SPRAYPARK (Class 16)

Cornerstone Park Sprayground, Englewood, Colo.

**F**or this neighborhood in Englewood, Colo., the Cornerstone Park Sprayground is more than just a place to cool off in the hot summer. It's also a watery classroom. An epicenter of environmental conservation. And an example of how humans and nature can interact peacefully.

The features spray potable water, which runs straight into the drain and to the Progress Park irrigation pond down the street. The pond is periodically stocked with fish by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and hosts a fishing derby for local kids every year.

From Progress Park pond, the water is reused to irrigate trees and turf at the Cornerstone Park. The water cycle is illustrated on signs posted around the spraypark, next to the signs showing youngsters how to conserve water at home.

And what could be more fun than to enjoy water that's smartly used? Kids spend hours running around the towering spraying flower and the popping jets from the ground. Open from May to October, the pad is hosed down daily during the active season. To dry off, children can play on the surrounding swings or playground next to the pad. — *Rin-rin Yu*

**FACILITY HIGHLIGHTS:** Direct-to-drain water is used to irrigate trees and turfs around the park • Diagrams illustrating the water's cycle are posted around the park

**FEATURES:** 1 spraypad/water playground

