

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

University of Texas at El Paso Campus Transformation Plan

El Paso, Texas

Constructed arroyos and native vegetation conserve water usage and provide a sense of place in the highly pedestrian campus core.

The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), a dynamic institution serving more than 23,000 students, is located within the northern Chihuahuan Desert—the largest desert in North America. In the years leading up to its 100th anniversary in 2014, as UTEP was on its way to becoming a national research university, significant growth was projected. To accommodate this growth while improving the quality of campus life, UTEP sought to transform what was then a concrete-dominated campus into a sustainable, walkable landscape with green spaces and pedestrian walkways that would knit connections—between the campus and its buildings, people, and environment.

that will be bordered by shade trees and a wide walking path for strolling, socializing and relaxing. Biohabitats was a key member of the Centennial Plaza planning and design team led by Ten Eyck Landscape Architects.

Rainfall in El Paso is infrequent, but when it does occur, it is usually heavy and intense. Biohabitats developed low impact stormwater management improvements which mimic natural arroyos. Biohabitats crafted a design that infiltrates and conveys stormwater runoff for use in irrigation, allowing native Chihuahuan Desert vegetation to flourish on campus and creating a key amenity for the campus community.

SERVICES

- Inventory & Assessments
- Planning
- Green Infrastructure
- Design

The centerpiece of UTEP's Campus Transformation plan is Centennial Plaza, a large open area at the heart of the campus



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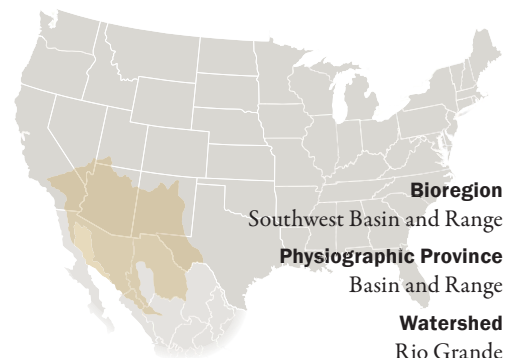


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