



Pour-in-Place Walkway

Recycled tire walkway and community garden revitalize school landscape

Location: Vanguard Learning Center, 13305 S San Pedro St., Los Angeles, CA



During installation



After installation

Vendor: United Sport Surfacing of America

California tires diverted from landfills: 2,508

Overview: Vanguard Learning Center in the Compton Unified School District of Los Angeles is a middle school with about 300 students. In 2015, Vanguard developed their relatively unused outside area into a vibrant outdoor learning center. The project was designed to provide residents, children and adults, with critical community improvements that benefit the environment, enrich lives, and improve the health of the community.

This outdoor learning center has a community garden, drought-tolerant landscaping, and a system of bio-swales to manage stormwater runoff. The benches, vegetable garden planters and fruit trees provide a hands-on outdoor science classroom which the children use daily.