



SELECTIVE DEMOLITION

Image 6



IMAGE 6

Selective demolition and concrete harvesting of the existing plaza.



IMAGE 7

Gone are the water-intensive lawns and leaky fountain. In their place are terraced gardens comprised of over 79% native plants uniquely suited to the hydrology of New Mexico's Rio Grande Basin.



IMAGE 8

Recycled concrete block walls provide shaded, informal seating areas.



IMAGE 9

Demolishing excessively wide concrete sidewalks generated 10,000 8"x16" blocks for wall construction. The approach increased the site's permeability while reducing contributions to landfills. The selective sidewalk demolition also enabled the construction of seating areas and shaded walkways that encourage people to interact with the site.



IMAGE 10

To encourage interaction with the plaza, the design team created a "Sustainability Walk Brochure," with a fold-out map depicting the site's history and key features like water conservation, solar energy, materials re-use, and habitat restoration.

