



## Partners in Progress with



The City of Porterville is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which is being administered by California ReLeaf. The City's Parks and Leisure Services is responsible for managing the Porterville Heritage Center Trailway which provides an alternative transportation and pedestrian link from an economically disadvantaged neighborhood to the commercial core of the city.



The \$100,000 grant for Porterville's Heritage Center Trailway Project and Urban Tree Planting and Youth Tree Care Program will allow this Tulare County-based local agency to design, install, irrigate and maintain about 120 trees along the trailway, providing shade in the summer heat and a pleasant environment for trailway users.

The grant will also allow the City of Porterville to prune about 450 existing public urban forest trees, removing mistletoe and shaping the trees.

Formerly a railroad right-of-way, the city has spent about 10 years and \$4 million in block grants, economic stimulus funds and other grants renovating the site, which now includes parking and picnic areas, a community center and an elementary school.



### Fast Facts for the City of Porterville ARRA Grant

**Trees Planted: 120**

**Trees Maintained: 450**

**Job Hours Contributed to 2010 Work Force: 292**

**Lasting legacy:** Once finished, this project will complete a decade-long vision held by the City that a well-shaded and environmentally healthy trailway will enhance recreational and fitness opportunities while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for Porterville residents and visitors.

*"The Heritage Center Trailway is a tremendous resource for Porterville residents. This project is a much-needed compliment to the City's 13,000-tree urban forest."* -- Milt Stowe, Director of Parks and Leisure Services, City of Porterville.

