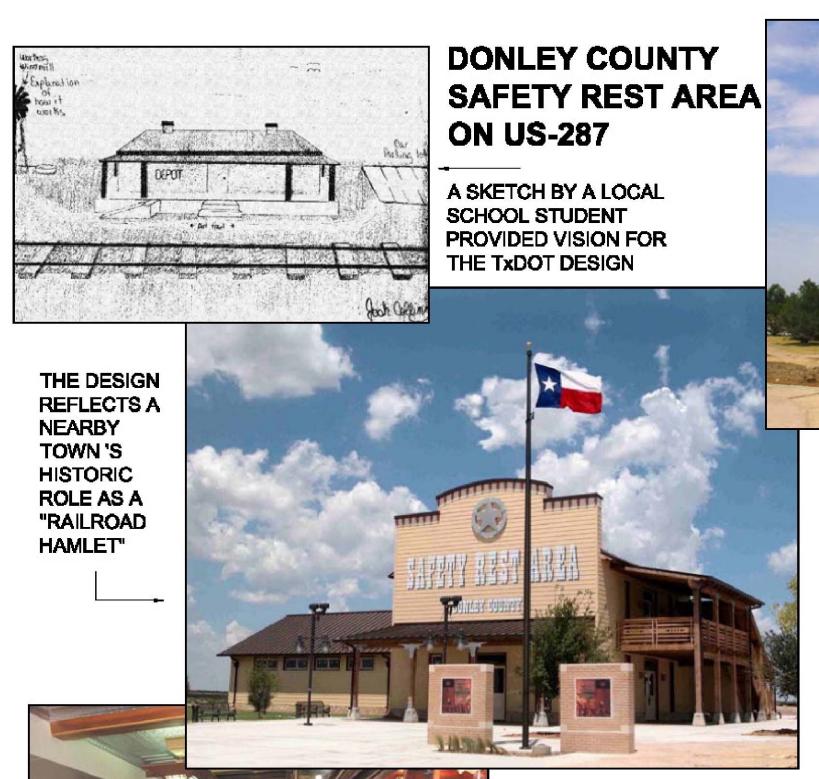
AASHTO's Center for Environmental Excellence chose TxDOT's Safety Rest Area Program as **Best Program** of the 2006 Best Practices in Context Sensitive Solutions Competition.



SOLUTIONS COMPETITION

AASHTO'S Context Sensitive Solutions "consider the total context within which a transportation improvement project will exist. CSS is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that involves all stakeholders to develop a transportation facility that fits its physical setting and preserves scenic, aesthetic, historic, and environmental resources, while maintaining safety and mobility. This competition showcases outstanding examples of the work being done throughout the country to intergrate CSS principles with the planning and delivery of transportation projects, programs and services."



WATER **FROM** ROOFS AND **RUN-OFFS** COLLECTED AND **RECYCLED** FOR **IRRIGATION**

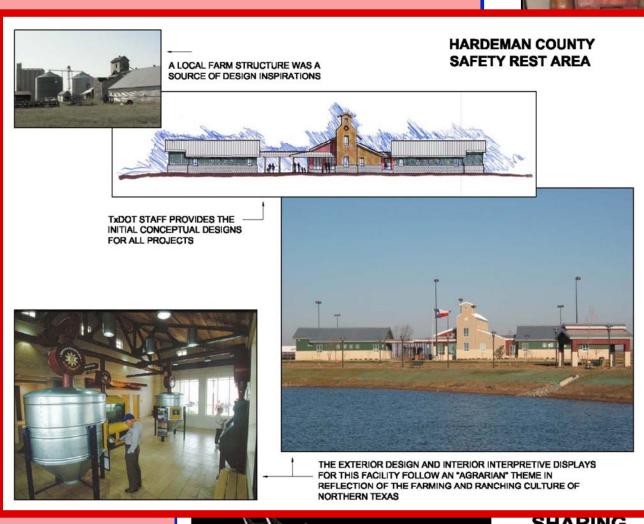
DISPLAYS IN THE LOBBY INTERPRET LOCAL **HERITAGE**

WASTE WATER FROM THE FACILTY IS TREATED USING **CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS** WHICH RESEMBLE THE **PLAYA LAKES** NATIVE TO THE

AREA

convert barmful substances by changing them into the building blocks for new plants and animals They provide habitat for animals and other organisms. The Wellands behind the morthern safety rest area efficiently treat the wastewater from the parks' restrooms. This environmentally friendly colution can best be viewed from the bluff behind the track parking. Brought to you by The Texas Department of Transportation

> **Examples of** TxDOT's application entry of the competion









SHARING, RESEARCHING, **PROMOTING INFORMATION & IDEAS**

RECYCLED AUTOMOBILE PARTS AT A FACILITY THAT RESEMBLES A RECYCLED BRIDGE ABUTMENT

INTERPRETATION DISPLAYS OF COTTON FARMING, ONCE WAS & HAS BEEN THE LIVELIHOOD OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, HALE CO. SAFETY REST AREAS





MEETING WITH LOCAL **COMMUNITIES &** VISITING HISTORIC STRUCTURES IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF A CONTEXT SENSITIVE DESIGN **PROCESS**