City: McCausland

Title of Project: Lois Claussen Muhs Memorial Pavilion

City's Population: 291

In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed:
Lois Claussen Muhs was a past city clerk who served for 30 years. When she passed away, she left a bequest of $200,000 for a pavilion to be built. We put it in an area of land that we owned but that had not been developed. We did not have any type of outdoor use area except for a covered patio at our baseball concession stand area. The land had been farmed for hay and had a huge pile of sand that was left from our sewer lagoon project.

Explain the specific role of your city in this project:
Because all the quotes on the project were too high, the City was its own general contractor on the project and got it built, plus it caused us to renovate the rest of the area and create a whole new park area for the city.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
Because of this bequest, we now have a year round facility that is open to the public. The park has been developed and will include a new walking trail that explains the benefits of clean water. Trees and landscaping have created a beautiful area that did not exist. This pavilion provides an area for outdoor entertaining that we did not have before. We have already have had graduation parties and a wedding reception held there.

Total cost of project: $196,326

List where funding came from. (grants, donations, city funds, etc):
Private Bequest, City Funding, SCRA Grant, REAP Grant

Total time project took/projected to take for completion. Please include start date and end date. (To qualify the project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017):
Start date 9/30/2015, completion date 9/1/2017

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Resources. (Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information.):

Photos are getting uploaded to CityofMcCausland.com - who we are, community photo album