

Land Grant-Merced Youth Programming

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Land Grant-Merced YCC

Town of Tomé Land Grant

- Cerro Tomé
- Walking path surrounding Tomé Hill Park covered by sand from runoff & erosion
- Land Grant-Merced YCC crews & community volunteers cleared path, build junk wall to hold erosion, cleared culvert to allow for natural flow of runoff



Land Grant-YCC Merced del Pueblo de Chililí

Trailbuilding @ Chililí

- Overgrown & rough terrain forced users to walk alongside highway (NM 337) to get to Chililí Community Center playground
- Archaeology work along highway revealed pre-contact, pre-Puebloan sites
- Land Grant-Merced YCC crew cut in a trail, cutting branches along away from NM 337



Land Grant-Merced YCC Merced de Manzano

- Trailbuilding @
Manzano Lake
- perimeter of Manzano
Lake was overgrown,
inhibiting use
- Land Grant-Merced
YCC crew cleared and
built trail around
perimeter of lake (600
feet of trail), removed
invasive Siberian Elms



Land Grant-Merced Youth Development Projects

Past and Current Projects

- Land Grant-Merced Youth Oral History project
 - funded in part by Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area grant (2019, 2021)*
- 2022 Land Grant-Merced Youth Conservation Corps
 - *funded by NM Land Grant Council, Taji que Land Grant and grant from NM Outdoor Recreation Division*
- ALGE Project
 - *(update will be provided at Sept. Interim Land Grant Committee meeting)*

Future work

- Completion of 2022 Land Grant-Merced Youth Conservation Corps
 - *Projects in Torreón, Taji que, San Antonio de las Huertas and Cañón de Carnué*
- FY 2023 Youth Programming – funded by NM State Legislative appropriations
 - Cristóbal de la Serna
 - Tierra Amarilla
 - Other youth programming from the Council
- Continued collaboration in ALGE Project



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