



# Metropolitan Park Bathhouse

## Tucumcari, New Mexico

### Cost Share Grant Project Spotlight

The Metropolitan Park Bathhouse and Pool, locally referred to as Five Mile Park is located on Route 66 in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Built in 1940 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park contains a pool (reputed to be the largest outdoor pool in New Mexico,) bathhouse, playground, and camping facility, which were used by Route 66 travelers during the historic period. Closed in 1977, the complex slowly fell into disrepair. When a leak in the roof of the bathhouse led to the partial collapse of the north wall, the City of Tucumcari began taking concerted steps to save the building.

The City applied for and was awarded cost-share grant funds from the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program to assist with the emergency stabilization of the north wall. Skilled masons expertly reconstructed the wall, while others improved roof and surface drainage around the building. The city is continuing to seek funding support for the continued restoration of the property. Long-term plans are to reopen the bathhouse as a historic site to benefit both the local community and the traveling public. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Deteriorated north wall of bath house, before repair.



North wall of bath house, after repair.

For more information about preservation initiatives on historic Route 66, contact:



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