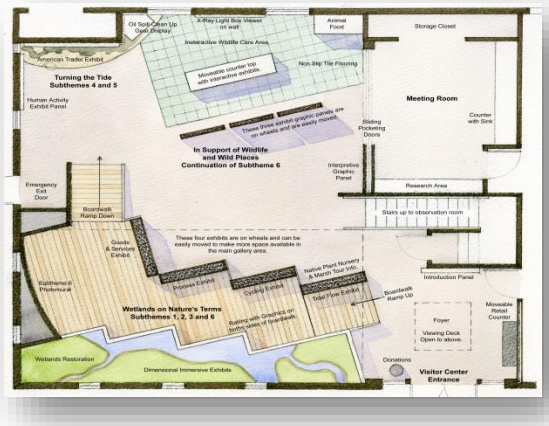
**Huntington Beach**
**Wetlands Conservancy**
**Huntington Beach, California**

In 2007, The Acorn Group worked with the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy and the Wetlands and Wildlife Care Center to develop their joint interpretive master plan.

Our first challenge was to merge the missions of both organizations in an exhibit sequence that celebrates the restoration of wetlands and the rehabilitation of injured wildlife. Our second challenge was to identify engaging exhibits that capture the interests of adults and children alike.




In 2012, Group Delphi and The Acorn Group transformed the interpretive plan into design documents and ultimately new exhibits. Opened in 2014, the Center offers an intimate view of the magical, waterlogged world of a salt marsh. At the same time, it serves to cultivate a deeper appreciation for wetlands, wildlife, and the work of the Care Center and Conservancy.

From various vantage points on a raised boardwalk, visitors explore the pulse of life in a salt marsh. They revisit the 1990 *American Trader* oil spill, discovering its role in California's environmental history. Finally, they discover the process of diagnosing illness and injury in a simulated wildlife care center.