“Located in south Fontana at the foot of the Jurupa Hills, the Mary Vagle Nature Center is a natural refuge in the midst of an urban landscape. Here you can enjoy a walk along the nature trail winding around the pond, spot what is currently blooming in our native gardens, or venture inside and discover exhibits of local plants, animals, geology and history. The Nature Center offers an oasis for both old and young to explore, investigate and nurture their curiosity about the outdoors.” (Fontana.org) In January of 2011 the Superintendent of Public works at the City of Fontana, (Erik Garwick) decided to renovate the existing turf of this impressive and much loved facility for surrounding Fontana residents.

After a brief evaluation of the site with a Stover representative Erik decided to use Stover’s signature blend of Triple Crown Tall Fescue. “Triple Crown” exhibits outstanding dark green color and fine texture with improved mowability and is one of the most drought and wear tolerant of cool season grasses. When implementing this superb blend into his nature center he used a seeding rate of 12 pounds per 1000 square feet with a light top dressing after application. The seed took approximately two weeks to begin germination and the area filled in with a dark green lush color in about 6 weeks. He placed irrigation on a timer and set it to water twice daily for 15 minutes ensuring a moist environment for the newly germinating seedlings.

“I have been extremely impressed with the density and color of Stover Seed’s Triple Crown blend and it has exceeded my expectations” said Erik. The ingredients used in "Triple Crown" are exclusively distributed by Stover Seed and represent the latest improvements in turf grass breeding and development.