

CONCEPT FOR VAN BUREN PARK PLAYGROUND

THEME: CONTEMPORARY/URBAN

The concept for Van Buren Park Playground is to be a contemporary theme with a cool urban look. This "City Tuff" look will be softened by incorporating a natural play area on the hillside. There will be two play areas which will serve to separate the pre-school age children from the school age children. Swings will be provided for both age groups.

The use of plastic will be limited on this playground with emphasis on the use of steel columns, and PVC coated platforms with punched steel enclosures and roofs in keeping with the cool urban look.

SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREA

The play area for children ages 5 to 12 will have as its focal point a climbing tower with a roof enclosure. The tower will feature a lookout area, a long slide, and a variety of climbing opportunities including a rock climbing wall. A series of lower platforms will provide access to the climbing tower. The lower platforms will have a smaller slide and a variety of contemporary climbing features that encourage full development of climbing skills while providing graduated levels of challenge. At ground level, there will be opportunities to develop balancing skills with a series of stepping/bounce pods and a skate board rider.

PRE-SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREA

This play area will serve as a training ground for the younger children providing similar activities at a much smaller scale. There will be a smaller center tower with a roof enclosure and a look out. A variety of age appropriate climbers will be provided as well as a slide. Several spring toys will be placed in this area.

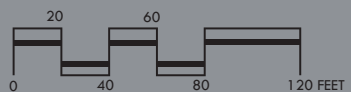
NATURAL PLAY AREA

The hillside sloped area provides a perfect opportunity to create a natural play area. This unique play area will incorporate the use of large climbing boulders, natural components such as stumps and logs, and a sand play area. In addition, a variety of tall grasses and other hardy plants will be planted in and around the area.



LEGEND

- ① SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREA
- ② PRE-SCHOOL AGE PLAY AREA
- ③ NATURAL PLAY AREA
- ④ PROPOSED SHELTER
- ⑤ GRILL/WATER FOUNTAIN
- ⑥ PROPOSED WALKING TRAIL
- ⑦ EXISTING SIDEWALK
- ⑧ PROPOSED COURT
- ⑨ PROPOSED U8 SIZE PRACTICE SOCCER FIELD
- ⑩ REMOVE EXISTING COURTS
- ⑪ REMOVE EXISTING PLAYGROUND AREA



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