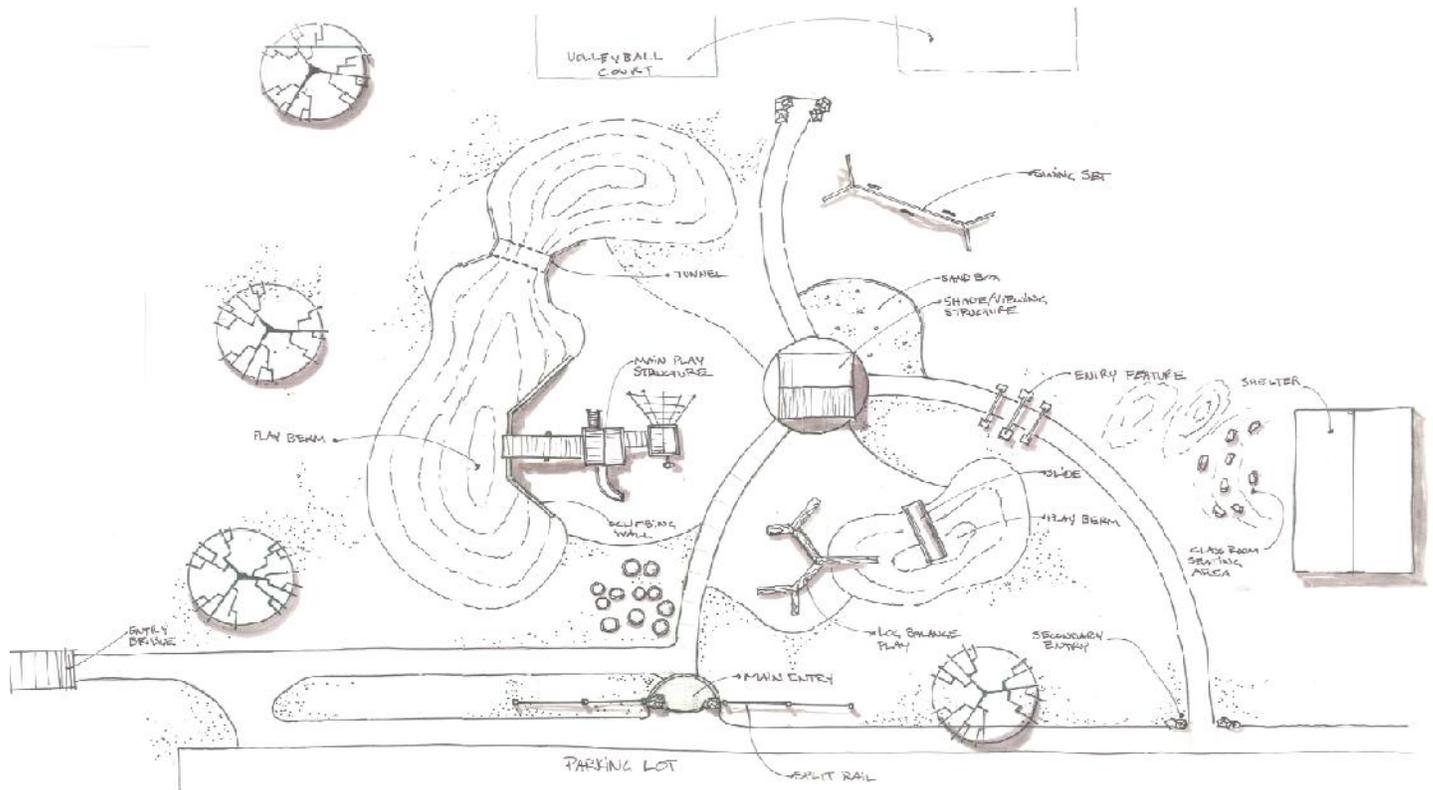


Converse Park Playground: The Natural Solution



Commonly Asked Questions

- **Are they Fun?**
Yes, in fact a survey of 600 kids in grades 1-4, 95% thought that natural playgrounds were more exciting than traditional ones.
- **Are Natural Playgrounds Safe?**
Yes, this playground will meet the same American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM) standards that any commercially prefabricated playground would meet.
- **What about Maintenance?**
In many aspects this playground will outlive its prefabricated counterpart. Much of the wood is naturally rot resistant or has been treated to be so. Because of the natural earth tones, fading of colors and discoloration will not occur to the same level.
- **What about Cost?**
Because of Innovative approaches in reproducing play elements, natural playgrounds are approximately 3 times less expensive, (or you get 3 times more for the same dollar amount)

This project will provide a safe play area that fosters creative learning, autonomous growth, and meaningful interaction with the natural world. By providing this natural play area we will be able to help combat childhood obesity, create connections to the natural world and provide a modality for creative play.

Anticipated Completion Date: September 1st, 2012

Open for Play: Spring of 2013

Ribbon Cutting Play Day: Thursday, May 30th 5:30 pm 2013

(Come on out for some free food, fun and community play)

Play components that will be included

Large and Small play berm, large and small tunnels, 7ft high 18ft wide rock climbing wall, large and small embankment slides, twist slide, balance beams, prairie jumpers, tree cookies, large (inverted tree) play structure with cargo net, taco bridge and monkey rings. Swings (big kids and tots), tire swing, music stations, discovery stations, sand play area, edible landscapes (cherry, apple and plum trees, along with grape vines, from which the fruit can be eaten), community gardens, outdoor classroom and learning area.