



SUMMER DESIGN-BUILD WORKSHOP

2014 Community Design Charrette

- 01. ACE / CPS Design Build Portfolio
- 02. Project Site - Catalpa Park and Playground
- 03. Research - playground activities, precedent parks & related furniture



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM CHICAGO
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2010 STUDENT DESIGN-BUILD WORKSHOP ACE MENTOR / CPS SUMMER STUDIO

2010 Pilot Program Summary. This summer, the A.C.E. (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Mentor Program of Chicago ran a prototype program that sought to deliver lessons in design and construction well beyond the typical classroom walls. ACE and the Chicago Public Schools partnered to run the first-ever Community Design-Build Workshop, where a dozen students were given the opportunity to work with a real-life client in delivering an actual project with an actual budget! CPS allocated funds for program expenses through its department of College and Career Preparation; Bovis Lend Lease and Wight Construction offered additional financial support, helping to purchase building materials and make the program a reality.

The Workshop ran out of Curie Metro High School on the South-West side and engaged with the West Humboldt Park Development Council and the Ujima Community Garden to design a master plan for their startup urban farm (Ujima, from Kiswahili meaning 'Collective Work and Responsibility'). The workshop further endeavored to construct one needed component of that design- a garden tool shed. High school juniors from schools across the City were accepted into the program based on their interest in design and recommendations from their instructors or prior-year ACE mentors.

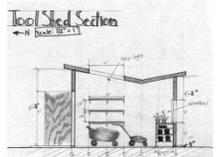
These students, under the direction of one program director and an assisting CPS instructor, completed the research and design necessary to deliver a project meeting all the various client criteria. Students took the research seriously, and with the additional help of outside organizations and generous individuals, integrated numerous 'green' features while successfully holding to their given budget and schedule requirements. All this, including a 96 sq. ft. beautifully designed garden shed, in less than 8 weeks! Highlights of the student design include a butterfly roof intending to catch rain water for the garden, a rain-screen wall built from reclaimed oak flooring, natural lighting with overhead skylights, and custom trellis panels (fabricated with a waterjet cutter and CAD/CAM technology) designed to give identity to the shed and support the growth of flowers and vines!



PROJECT FOR THE UJIMA COMMUNITY GARDEN
LANDSCAPES IN MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY (ABOVE)



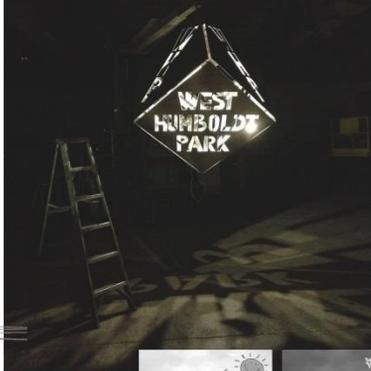
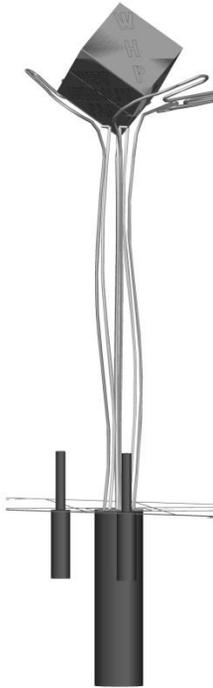
2010 PILOT PROJECT FOR THE UJIMA COMMUNITY GARDEN
IMAGES OF STUDENT WORK (ALL)



2011 STUDENT DESIGN-BUILD WORKSHOP
ACE MENTOR / CPS SUMMER STUDIO @ CHICAGO AVE. IN WEST HUMBOLDT PARK

2011 Program Summary. The project site is located along the Chicago Ave. corridor in the neighborhood of West Humboldt Park. Two sites along the corridor have been chosen for the construction of identical "neighborhood gateway" structures; a western gate near North Pulaski Ave. and an Eastern gate along the Metra tracks near North Albany Avenue.

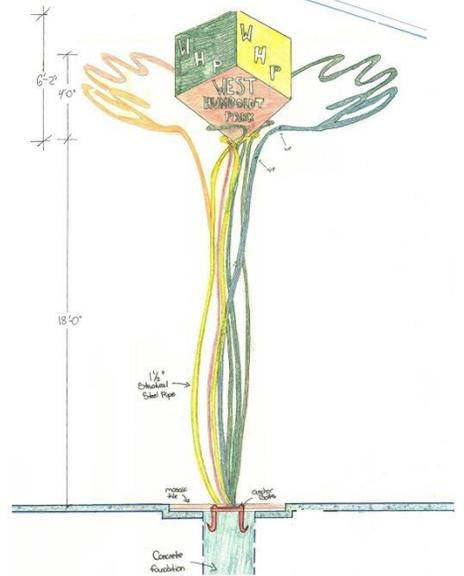
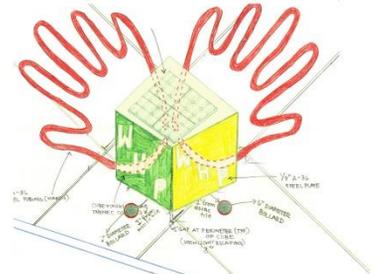
The gateways have been designed by a team of Chicago city students enrolled in the 2011 ACE Design-Build Workshop working alongside members of the West Humboldt Park community and invited design professionals. Each gateway stands approx. 25' above the City sidewalk and will serve to identify the neighborhood for residents and visitors to the area. Its form was inspired by a collection of community ideals, including unity, support and growth. It further celebrates the traditional structure of the urban neighborhood and the organized network of block clubs who came together to make the project possible.



WEST HUMBOLDT PARK GATEWAY
PARTIAL MOCKUP (ABOVE RIGHT)
STUDENT RENDERING (LEFT, RIGHT)



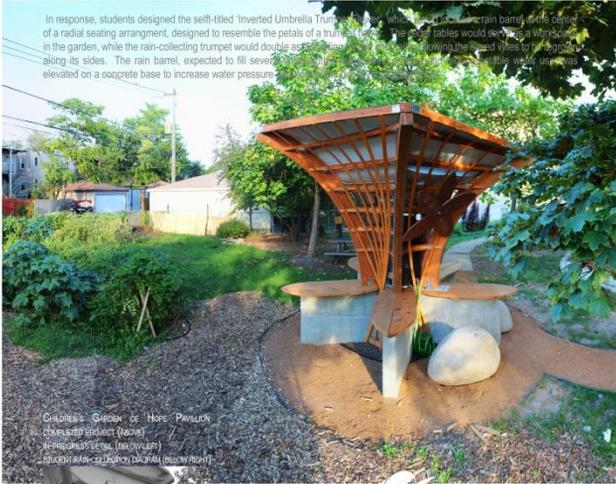
2011 WEST HUMBOLDT PARK GATEWAY
CHARRETTE & STUDENT WORK (ABOVE & RIGHT)
PARTIAL MOCKUPS (BELOW & PRECEDING PAGE)



2012 STUDENT DESIGN-BUILD WORKSHOP
 ACE MENTOR / CPS SUMMER STUDIO @ THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN OF HOPE

2012 Program Summary. Students worked with NeighborSpace and the Children's Garden of Hope to design and build a new centerpiece to an existing community garden. While both 'clients' hoped the student project would rejuvenate the garden and add a needed gathering place, each also brought their own distinct criteria. NeighborSpace was very much concerned with reducing potable water use on the site and wanted to incorporate a rain collector, while the local gardeners were primarily concerned with garden aesthetics and in saving a mature trumpet vine, then growing in the location of the new project.

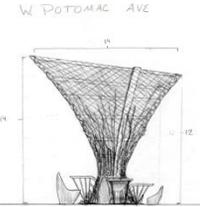
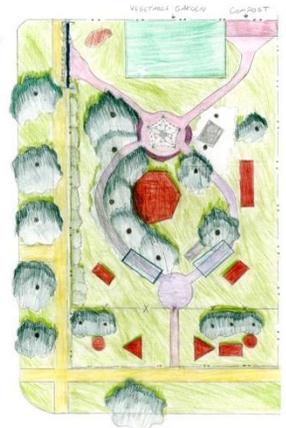
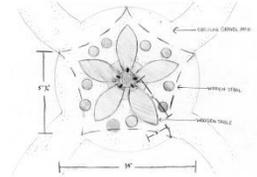
In response, students designed the self-titled 'Inverted Umbrella Trumpet' which would be a rain barrel at the center of a radial seating arrangement, designed to resemble the petals of a trumpet vine. The tables would serve as a workspace in the garden, while the rain-collecting trumpet would double as a table, with the petals of the trumpet vine to be grown along its sides. The rain barrel, expected to fill several gallons of water, would be elevated on a concrete base to increase water pressure.

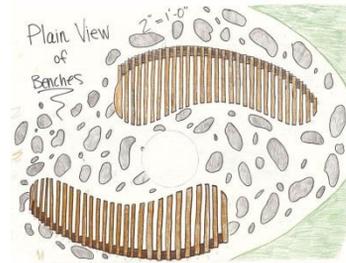
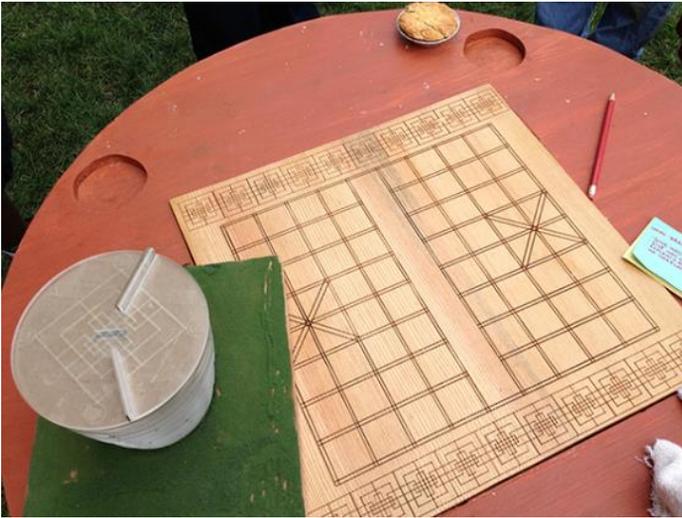


Children's Garden of Hope Pavilion
 Concept and Design: (ACE)
 Architecture: (ACE) (ACE) (ACE)
 Construction: (ACE) (ACE) (ACE)

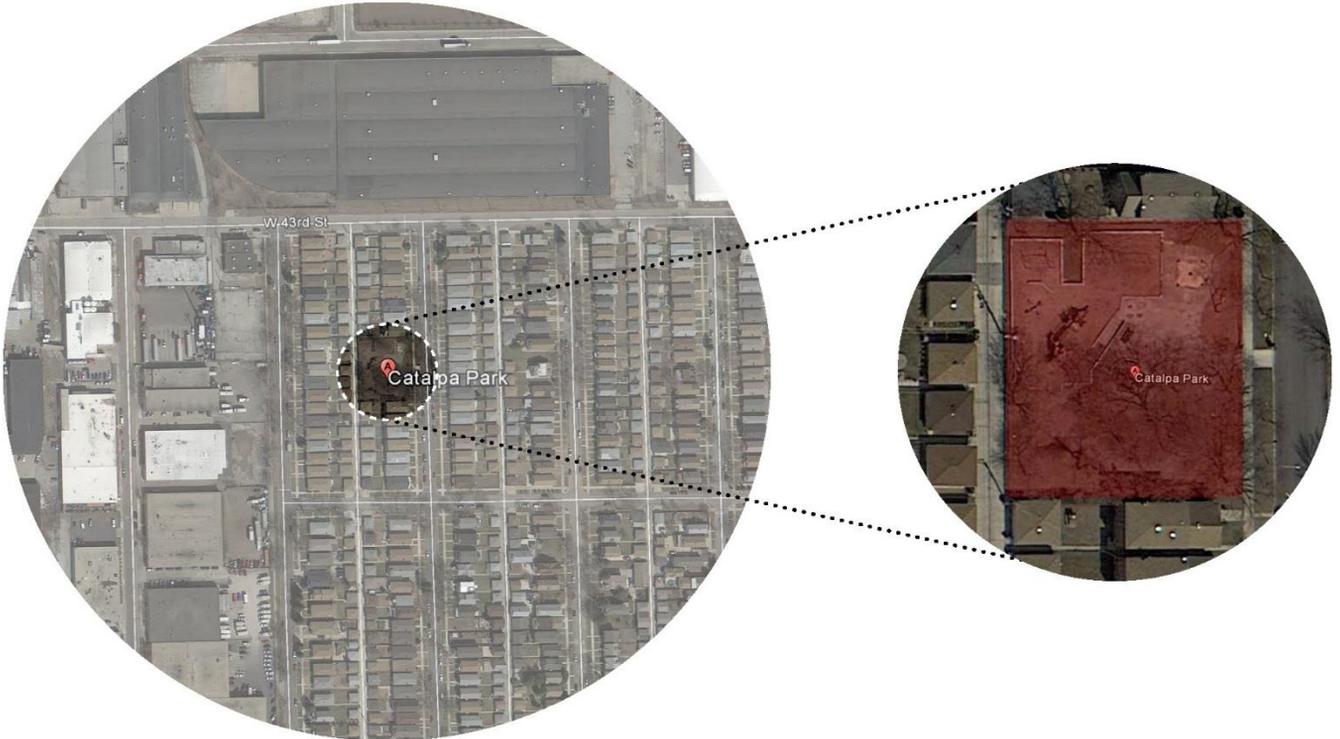


CHILDREN'S GARDEN OF HOPE PAVILION
 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS (LEFT)
 STUDENT CONCEPT DRAWINGS (RIGHT)





Site: Catalpa Park - 4324 S. Kedvale



02. Our Project Site - Catalpa Park

Archer Heights Neighborhood
Catalpa Park – Existing Condition
Aging Play Equipment
Drainage Problems

Park Issues



Play Features
Need Updat-



Drainage
Issues



Swing Set
Disrepair

Too Dark
on South



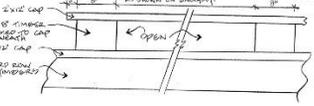
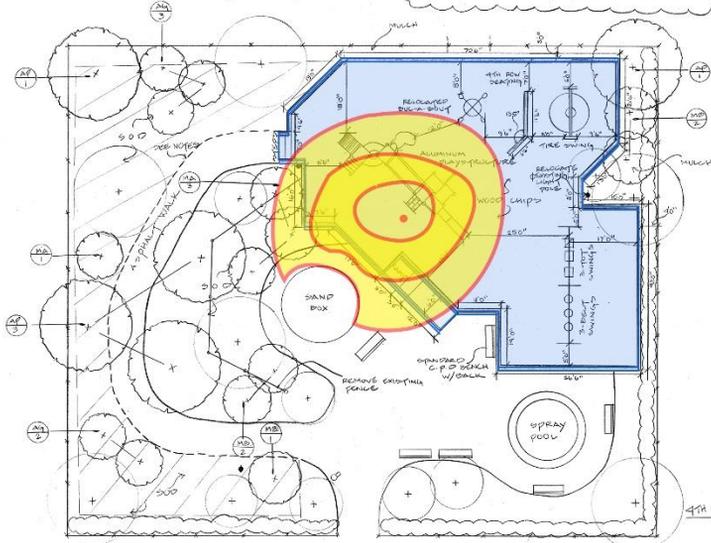
Graffiti
on Surfaces



REVISION #1

- PLANT NOTES**
- MULCH ALL PLANTINGS WITH ONE INCH DEEP UNWEEDED BARK MULCH TO A DEPTH OF 2" UNDER ALL TREES WITH A 4" DIAMETER TRUNK THICK
 - ADD SOIL AS NEEDED (PHASE AND TOTAL TONNAGE PER PLANT LOGS TO BE)

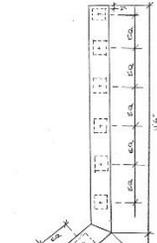
PLANT LIST	LECTURE INSTALLATION	PROVIDER NAME	SCALE
REVISION #1	REVISION #1	REVISION #1	REVISION #1
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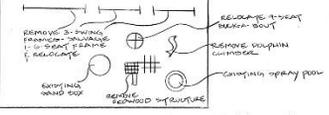
4TH ROW SEAT WALL
NOT TO SCALE

- NOTES**
- CLOSE EXISTING ENTRANCE TO ALLEY
 - LANDSCAPE DETAIL TO BE PLAY BOUNDARY
 - PAINT EXISTING SWING SETS (BLACK) ROUTE PAINT TO BE GRAY
 - REPAIR OF SWING SETS TO BE BY FACTORY OF WOOD CHIPS
 - REMOVED EXISTING SIGN LIGHT POLES
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 - EX. ASPHALT TO BE REMOVED AND FILL WITH GRAVEL TO 4" MINIMUM
 - REMOVED EXISTING SHADE & ORNAMENTAL TREES
 - REMOVED EXISTING SHADES
 - REMOVED NEW SHADE & ORNAMENTAL TREES (FUTURE INSTALLATION)
 - REMOVED EXISTING PERISCOPES TO BE REMOVED

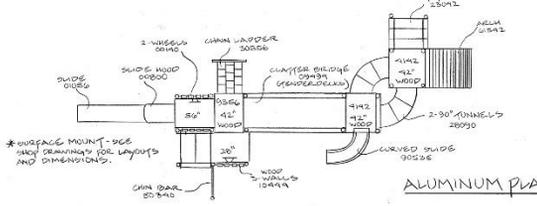
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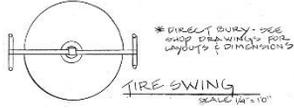


DEMOLITION PLAN
NOT TO SCALE



ALUMINUM PLAYSTRUCTURE
SCALE 3/4" = 1'-0"

CATALPA PLAYGROUND
SCALE 1" = 10'-0"



TIRE SWING
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT	
CATALPA PLAYLOT	
1989 PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION	
APPROVED	DATE
APPROVED	JUN 12 1989

FOLDER Gen # 1

DRAWING NO. 312-3-11

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Catalpa Park – 1989 Site Plan – 1972 Drainage Plan



03. Research & Precedents

Chicago Plays and Park District Playgrounds

Union Park

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Other Play Features



04. Student Proposed Design

Client Program and Design Charrette
Proposed Park and Playground Site Plan

Design Features - Wilapa Climbing Tree / Climbing Wall, Bubble Bounce, Water
Feature, Ground Games, Traditional Equipment

Archer Heights Civic Association

Recommendations for Redevelopment of Catalpa Playlot – 4300 S. Kedvale Block

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Current Playlot condition:

- Overall condition of park, plantings, and equipment is tired, dingy and uninviting. *will improve →*
- There is a noticeable lack of usage of colorful, trees and shrubs. *ADDED →*
- No flowers anywhere.
- Need to create a safe, lively, inviting, kid friendly atmosphere. *YES →*

ADD

Recommendations:

- Need a better variety of play equipment – include traditional & more contemporary – must be safe, durable and allow for easy removal of graffiti. *ADDED*
- Tree landscaping not balanced – too much shade at south end (looks dark & uninviting) – very little on north. Need trimming/thinning of existing trees. *NOT YET*
- Install flowering trees – magnolia, American Redbud, flowering pear. *MUST LABEL NEW TREES, CONSIDER THESE SPECIES.*
- Install some perennial flower beds. *ADDED →*
- Remove or severely cut back bushes facing Kedvale Ave. – obstructs view of playlot. *— ADD TO OUR 'DEMCO' PLAN*
- Chain link fence old, damaged, and menacing in appearance. Replace with decorative wrought iron. *— ADDED WROUGHT IRON AT FRONT*
- Be sure alley access gate(s) do not hit against any park equipment. *SHOULD WE MAINTAIN ALLEY ACCESS?*
- Remove all asphalt and plain concrete walks/paths and replace with simulated red brick pavers. *WALKWAY MATERIALS NOT FULLY DEFINED, COLOR ADDED THROUGHOUT GAMES.*
- Install lighting that is decorative, but serves a security purpose. Include colorful banners. *→ NOT YET INCORPORATED.*
- Need rubberized playground mat to be at ground grade level. Remove all raised bark beds. *→ MUST BE DISCUSSED FURTHER. RUBBERIZED MAT NOT IN BUDGET. RAISED PLAY AREA W/ EAVED EDGES?*
- Remove old water spray area and install fun splash fountains. *DONE*
- Install drinking fountain. *NOT YET ADDED TO SITE PLAN*
- Need better spacing of benches throughout area – black iron looks nice. *DONE - 3 SEATING AREAS*
- Install police camera? *DO NOT RECOMMEND FLASHING BLUE LIGHTS.*
- Install chess/checkers/backgammon gaming tables. *ADDED*

Client Program



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Site Plan Model



Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Student Model

BENCH

JUNGLE
GYM

WILAPA
TREE
CLIMBER

FLOOR
GAMES

BENCH

BUBBLE
BOUNCE



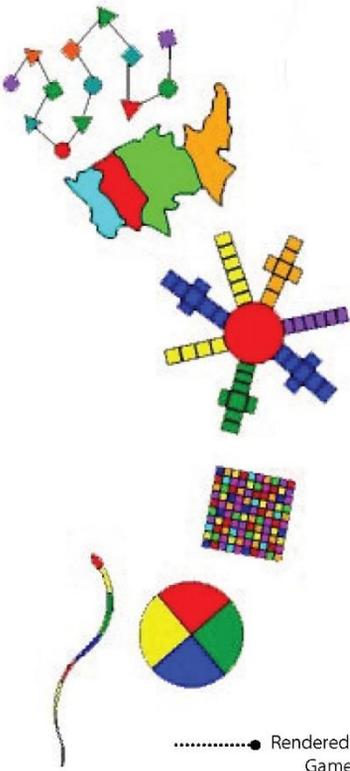
TRUNK
BENCH

WATER
FEATURE

SWING
SET

Catalpa Park Student Proposal Site Plan

Painted Floor Games



Play Feature Example ●



Play Feature Example ●



Wilapa Tree Proposal

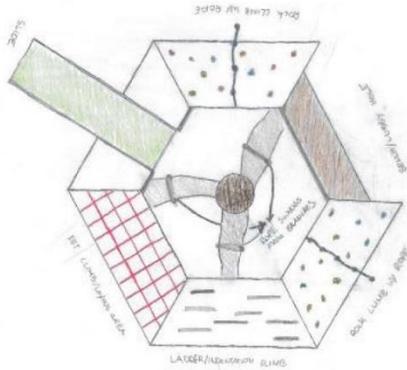


Willow+Catalpa=WILAPA

WILAPA TREE CLIMBER

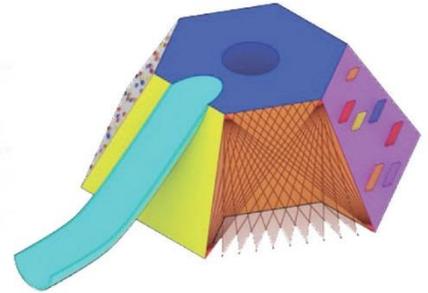


ELEVATION
VIEW



WILAPA TREE CLIMBER
PLAN VIEW

PLAN
VIEW



DIGITAL
RENDERING

Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Climbing Platform



Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Digital Rendering

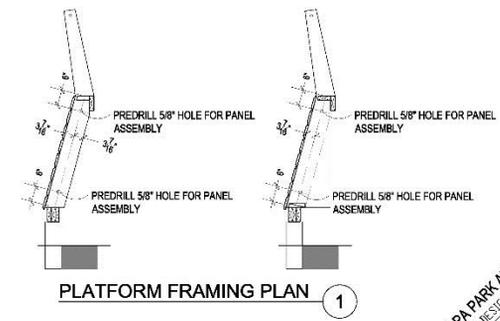
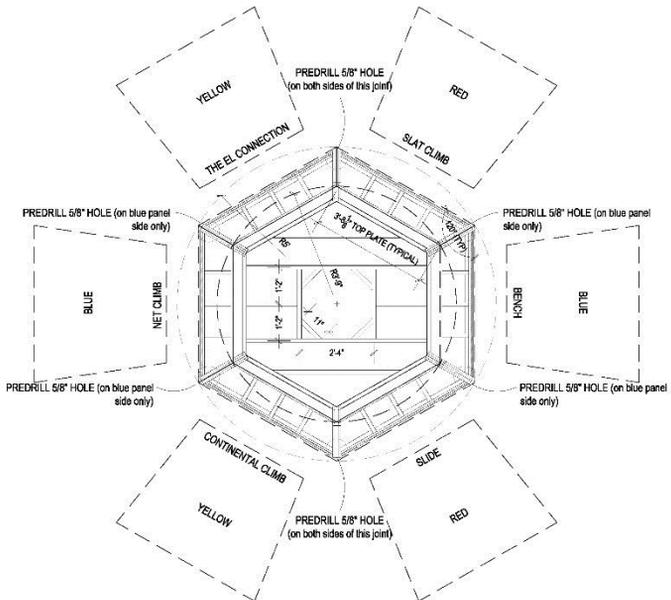


05. Student (Temporary) Installation

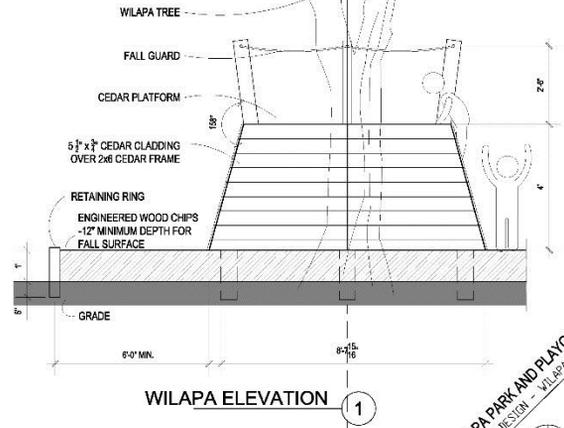
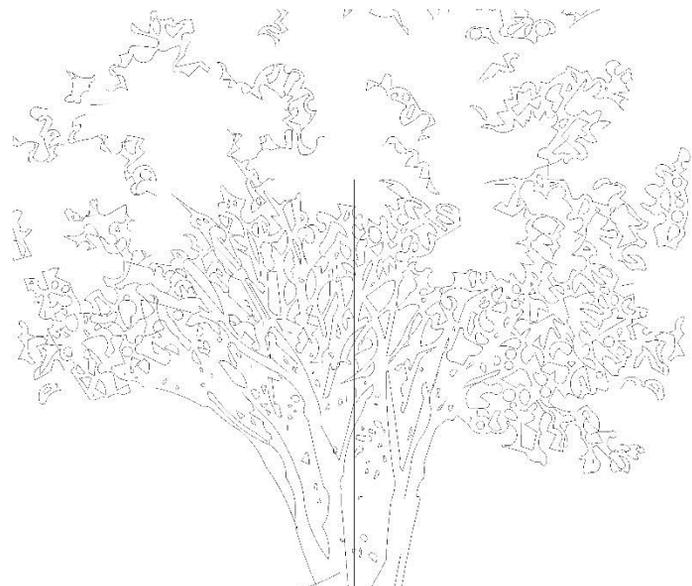
Catalpa Park Student Installation

Drawings

Construction and Installation



A-1.3
FRAMING PLAN
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 1/2" = 1'-0"
 CATALPA PARK AND PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
 CONCEPT DESIGN - WILAPA TREE-CLIMBING PLATFORM



A-2.1
ELEVATION
 2014.08.01
 1/2" = 1'-0"
 CATALPA PARK AND PLAYGROUND RENOVATION
 CONCEPT DESIGN - WILAPA TREE-CLIMBING PLATFORM

Catalpa Park Student Proposal Drawings



Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Prefabrication



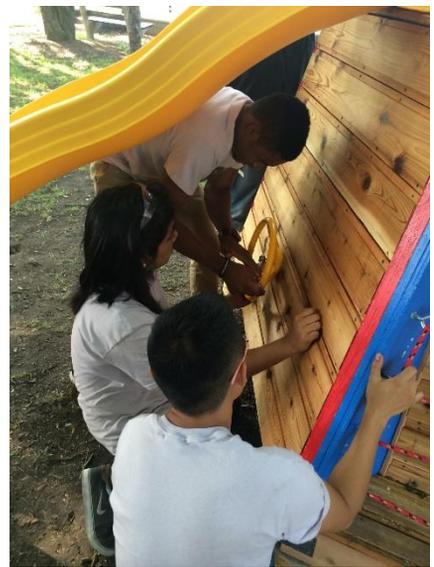
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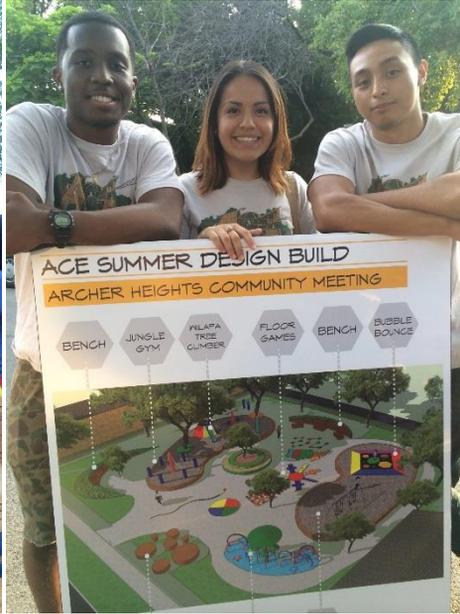
Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Installation



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Catalpa Park Student Proposal Installation



Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Presentation



06. Project Completion!!

Neighborhood Attraction!!



Catalpa Park Student Proposal
Installation



Project Completion..
Neighborhood Attraction!!



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Project Completion..
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