

McGuffey Park Restoration

Charlottesville, Virginia

Developed through an intensive community process this design proposes to strategically renovate and transform a local playground and park into a place that is a fusion of art, environment, play and community gathering. The major park programs of a playground and a play field will be woven together by ecological gardens focused on biological stormwater management, integrated sculpture, references to the site archaeology and by the creation of almost continuously occupiable edges through the use of custom benches and seat walls. The footprint of an 1800's mansion that once occupied the site will be expressed as walls that anchor custom play equipment and establish a woven meter that marks the site. Elements such as a basketball court will be relocated and reconsidered as more multi-purpose elements that provide stages for performance, space for gathering and classes and of course sports. An adjacent roof to a parking garage will be utilized as a demonstration planted roof project and will be coordinated with local watershed stewardship programs. Additional partnerships with local schools, churches and the neighboring art center will be exploited to layer the project in the design process and over time.

status

under construction