

Defining the Program Elements

Consideration of the following program elements supports the intent to enhance the user experience and safety.

Age Ranges of Kids (Users)

- Toddlers - 1-3yrs; Children - 4-8yrs; Pre-teen - 9-12yrs; Teen - 13-18yrs; Adult - 19+yrs

User Experience

- Range from active to passive

Water Features

- Jets; Splashing; Cascading; Misting/Fog; Laminar Flow; Shallow Ponding

Design Objectives/Goals

- Accessible Path; Participatory; Multi-sensory; Inter-generational Play; Range of Risk; Landform Variability; Challenge Levels; FUN

Existing Basketball/Four Square Courts

Inspect surface conditions
Install 8' perimeter chain-link fence for activity containment

Existing Pergola Forecourt Zone

Anchoring device in support of the pergola
Space for all pedestrian walks to converge
Social space connection (safety & security) to Big Kids/Little Kids Zones

North-South Pedestrian Walkway through Splash Pad Area

Meandering walkway connecting central area of splash pad to building restrooms

Transitional Buffer between School and Splash Pad

Space reserved to bring down the scale of the building to the human-scale of the splash pad setting
Space functions to buffer the visual sense of "constructed" from the "natural"
Raised topography, to direct school pedestrian traffic, and to help with maintaining tree growth & health
Buffer continues south along new pedestrian walk to school entrance, to buffer and separate existing playground
Lawn surface to allow for multiple pedestrian uses

East-West Pedestrian Walkway through Splash Pad Area

Functional connecting walkway from forecourt, through gathering space, to front entrance of school

Gathering/Performance Zone

Internal orientation for entire splash pad area
Setting for shade structure, benches, etc.

Existing East Playground

Renovate at edges
Reduction in size to accommodate tree transition buffer between new entrance walkway to school and playground
Relocation of some playground structures to accommodate new entrance walkway to school

Existing West Playground

Reduction in size to accommodate meandering vegetation

Little Kids Zone

Sense of exploration
Small volumes of water moving slowly over gently sloped horizontal surfaces
Small vertical sprays
Subtle surface changes
Vertical, opaque separation of different spaces

Cafe-style Table and Chair Seating

Located for west playground and water play proximity

Shade Structure

Located for west playground and water play proximity
Single-post cantilever style 12' sq.

Big Kids Zone

Sense of adventure
Large volumes of water vertically splashing over horizontal surfaces
Social, in nature--connected to the pergola-gathering forecourt
Distinct surface changes
Vertical separation of different spaces

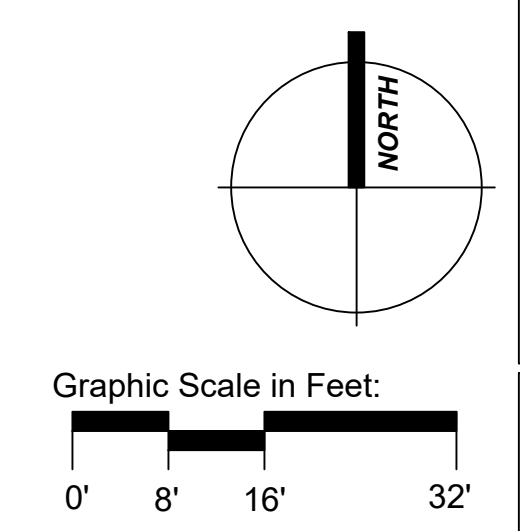
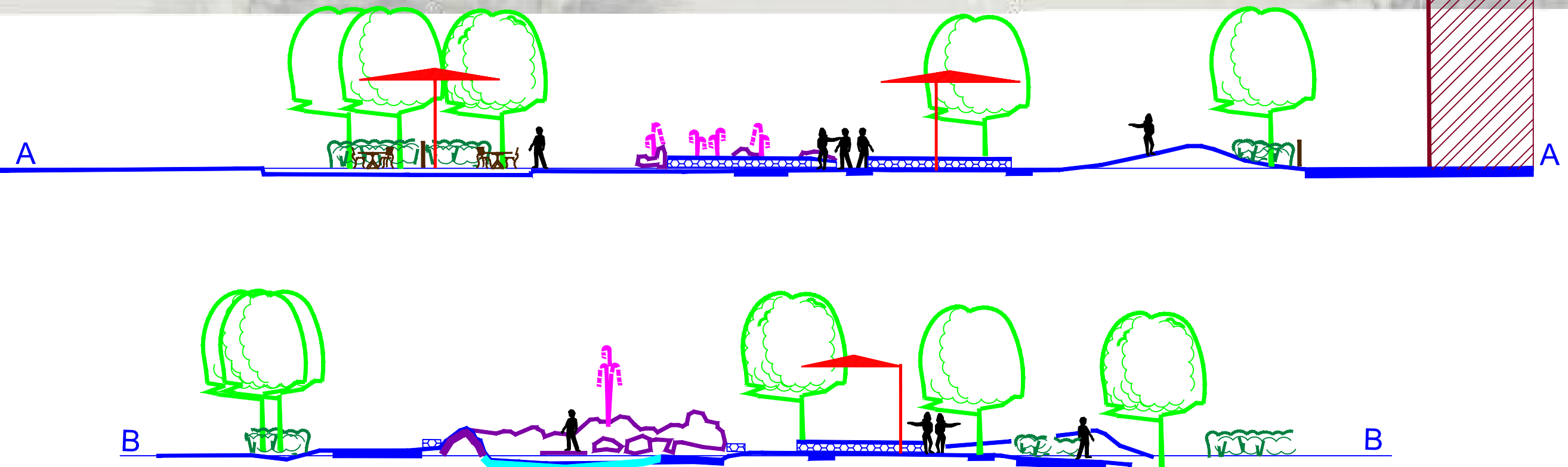
LEGEND

- walkways
- shrub beds
- trees
- shallow water
- water jets
- boulders
- walls/ seat walls
- pervious pavement
- fence
- picnic pad
- existing pergola
- school addition
- shade structure

INFORMAL style

This plan illustrates an inward-focusing orientation, emphasizing compartmentalized spaces as parts of the splash pad.

- Vegetation and landform topography spatially define the zones, both horizontally and vertically.
- A sense of "what's around the next corner" permeates the different areas of the splash pad.
- Moving water, of varying widths & depths, to complement the character of the different spaces
- Informal, meandering overstory vegetation "bleeds" out from the splash pad zones and blends in with the rest of the park.



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