



Project Site

Address

570 Ellis Street,
San Francisco, CA
94117

Area

16,550 SF

TENDERLOIN REC CENTER PLAYGROUND





Wu Yee & LIIF Partner with SF Rec & Park to bring Green Schoolyard to Tenderloin Rec

The Tenderloin Neighborhood has the highest density of children in the city, with the lowest access to open space and nature. The Green Schoolyard Project provides opportunity for **trees, shade, nature and heat reduction**. Trees reduce exposure to heat and improve health.

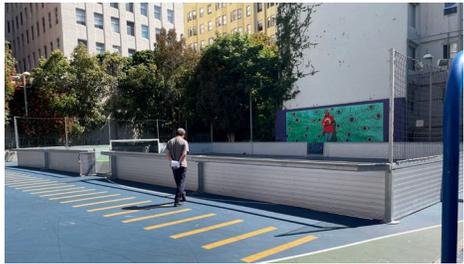
\$1 Million Green Schoolyard Grant through CAL FIRE will fund:

- Design services
- Removal of impervious surface
- Addition of 16 new trees and over 1,000 sf of planting
- Nature-based play elements
- Outdoor classroom
- New irrigation

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Existing Conditions



Basketball Hoop

Kitchen

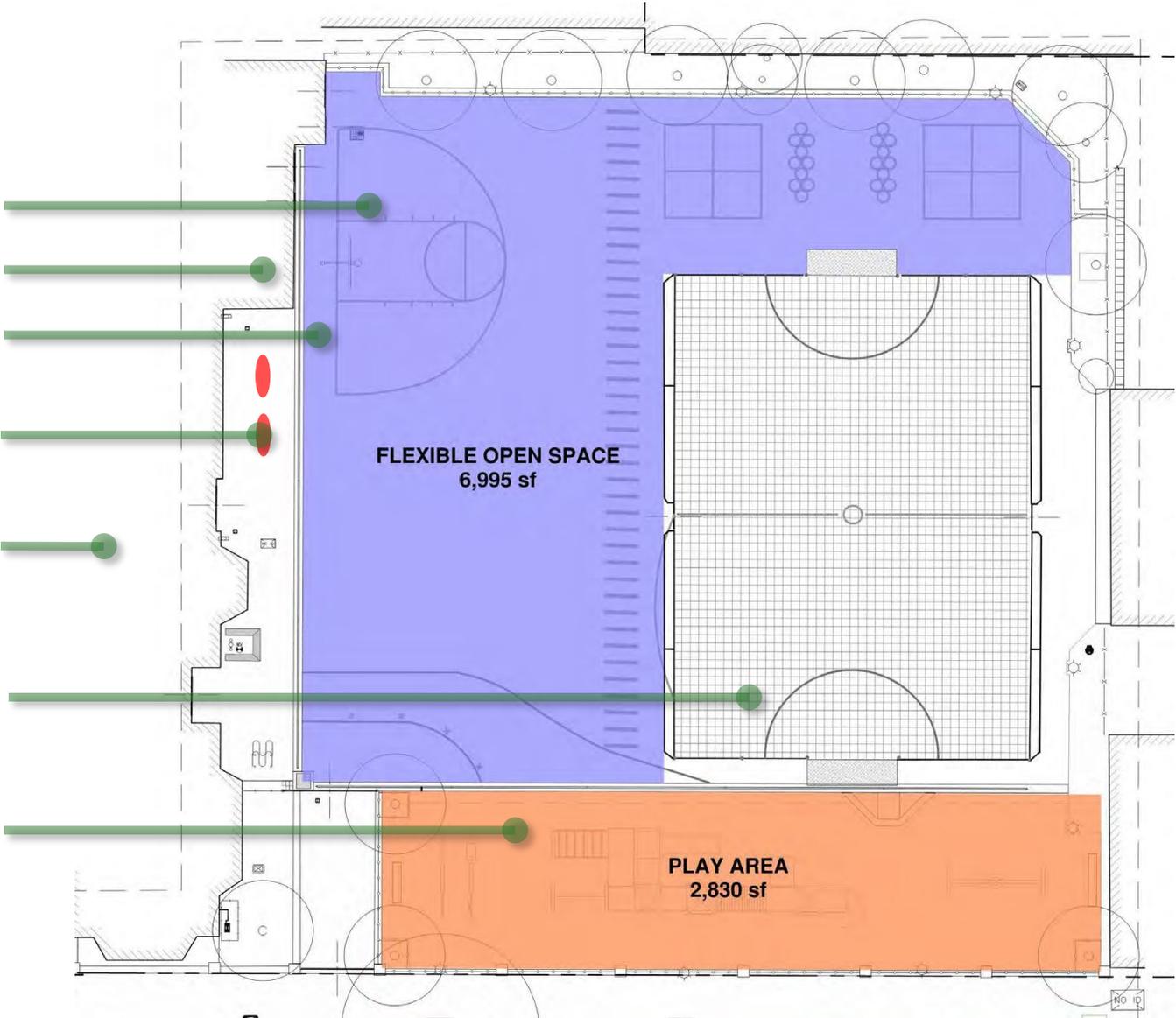
Outdoor Picnic Area
(Portable Tables)

Public Art Sculptures:
Dancing in the Sea of Milk & African King with Animal Power

Indoor recreation room, community rooms & restrooms

Soccer Pitch

Playground



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Community Outreach

Phase 1: Visioning

8/23/2024: Urban Agriculture Day at TRC

- Morning: Preschool Nature Play Event
- Evening: Community Outreach Event I
- Questionnaire 1 (in-person and online)

Phase 2: Concept Design

9/19/2024: Stakeholder Meeting 1 (virtual)

9/25/2024: Community Outreach Event II

- Questionnaire 2 (in-person and online)

10/24/2024: Stakeholder Meeting 2 (virtual)





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Community Request – New Space for Sculptures

Observations:

- Current location is heavily used by active children.
- Children treat the sculptures as play structures, causing high level of wear.
- Location is adjacent to the kitchen where meals and snack are served.
- Rec Center users have requested permanent picnic tables in this area for meals, seating, games and crafts.



Public Art

Dancing in the Sea of Milk & African King with Animal Power
By Martha Heavenston

Public Art

Artist: Martha Heavenston

Titles: *Dancing in the Sea of Milk* and *African King with Animal Power*

Date: 1995

Medium: ceramic tile and paint on concrete form

Dimensions: 74 x 62 ½ x 31 in. and 68 x 61 x 32 in.

Commissioned by the San Francisco Arts Commission for Tenderloin Children's Recreation Center

Two mosaic ceramic benches designed and created by the artist along with involvement from neighborhood youth. The benches depict an African tribal king and a Cambodian dancer.



Design & Scope

- 1 Unstructured Nature Exploration: log fort, talk tubes & nature walk
- 2 Embankment slide on contoured mound & activity panels
- 3 Nature Obstacle Course: climbing tower w/ slide, nets, steppers, balance rope & monkey bars
- 4 Storage for nature play components
- 5 Outdoor Classroom: terraced seating
- 6 Nest swing
- 7 New trees, planting & irrigation, typ.
- 8 Relocate soccer pitch
- 9 Trash enclosure
- 10 Existing basketball hoop
- 11 Tricycle / scooter track
- 12 New picnic tables
- 13 Drinking fountain
- 14 Driveway
- 15 Flexible seating, quiet play & outdoor classroom
- 16 Reconfigure handrails to comply with ADA
- 17 Proposed location for Public Art Sculptures



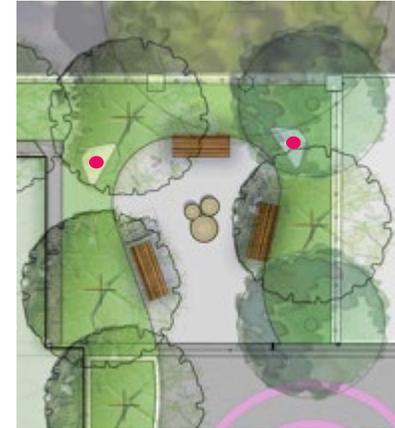
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Proposed Location for Sculptures



ELEVATION - *Dancing in the Sea of Milk & African King with Animal Power*

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• New Sculpture Location

Benefits of Relocation:

- Protected location in planting area away from active play.
- Placed in quiet resting zone, meant for reflection and contemplation.
- Frame seating area.
- Prominent location that can also be seen from the sidewalk.