

LINCOLN LAB CHILDRENS CENTER, Lexington, Ma.

Project Landscape Architect w/consultation from Johansson Design Collaborative

Project Information:

Renovation of this daycare yard flipped the focus of the yard from physical play on standard play structures with no nature into an educational play garden filled with native plantings, vegetable gardens, natural water, mud and sand play areas and a sustainable water system, with a few traditional play structures set amongst the flowers and grasses. Young learners can now observe nature and study natural systems in an intuitive and hands-on way.

In addition to greatly expanding the play and learning experience, the implemented design solved drainage issues, brought all of the play equipment up to code, increased safety with clearly established accessible fire exit routes and increased accessibility into the overall yard.

Scope:

This project encompassed all phases of design from program development with the community, to schematic sketches, to construction documents and construction administration.

Client: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Year Completed: Spring of 2008

Budget: \$220,000

