NEW HOPE ACADEMY: Nature Playground

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DESIGN GOALS

To address the concerns and wants of the students, faculty, staff and parents of the New Hope Academy alike. This space has been designed to accommodate seating areas and shade for teachers, parents or older students in addition to the prescribed Nature Playground areas for the younger students. Inspiration came partly from an overwhelmingly positive response on the students’ parts to water features in their favorite landscapes, thus the inclusion of a stormwater catchment system and rain garden that would also address the erosion and runoff issues on the site.
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“PLANT INNS” AREA
PERSPECTIVE VIEW

AMPHITHEATRE
PERSPECTIVE VIEW

PRODUCTS & MATERIALS

“Plant Inns” small-scaled greenhouses for easy interaction with children

Native plant species planted in a “wild garden” style to provide the “secret garden” atmosphere and easier maintenance

Tree stump tables to improve the “natural” feel of the space and allow young artists and builders are more interesting surface to work on

Playground equipment preferably with built-in, integrated variety of activities

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EXISTING WOODED AREA
STORMWATER CATCHMENT
RAIN GARDEN

“PLANT INNS” AREA
PERSPECTIVE VIEW

SECTION A-A'
Scale: 1” = 10'-0"

SECTION B-B'
Scale: 1” = 10'-0"

WILD GARDEN
MESSY MATERIALS
CLIMBING
MUSIC & MOVEMENT
NATURE ART & BUILDING

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