

## **Exterior Playscape Conceptual Design**

### **Exhibit Statement:**

The external playscape area is a 2,500-3,300 square foot exhibit gallery restricted access area designed for children ages 0-7 and their caregivers. This area will complement the larger internal gallery space, with access limited to members and museum visitors.

The playscape will provide an environment that is intentionally designed to provide experiences for children through an array of learning experiences that can be engaged in independently by different abilities or purposefully supported by adults. The outdoor area will be designed to manage sound and create a visual barrier to protect visitors from the highway sound and the allow for graphic treatments and activities. The interactives will focus on the physical interactions of crawling, climbing, grabbing, sorting and balance.

The exterior playscape will be designed to complement the natural world and urban greenway of the Plaza. The playground structures will represent the organic design of flowers, plants and insects with interactive learning throughout the playground elements to create placemaking, playability, and inclusivity.

### **Key Activities:**

- Interactives and playscape elements will support the strengthening of fine and gross motor movement skills including agility, balance, and coordination.
- Creating an area focused on free play and informal learning for young children to explore. Activities and components will support the understanding of different concepts to strengthen the development of the skills to observe, experiment, measure, engineer, predict, and describe.
- Design elements and features to allow caregiver support to easily access, assist, and supervise children with disabilities or special needs, enabling them to participate in play safely.

### **Visitor Takeaways:**

Core Exhibit Audience: 2-7 years old and caregivers

- Visitors generate questions and exhibit curiosity as they engage with STEM concepts.

### **Content to include:**

- Light and Shadow
- Sound
- Weather Connections/ Information
- Sensory Play
- Living Things/Biodiversity
- Facilitated Area for education programs

