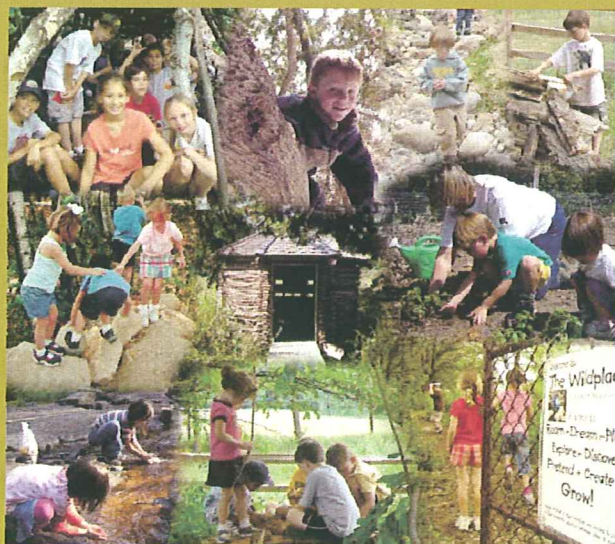


Tamarack Nature Center Destination for Discovery - Master Plan

"To enrich people's lives by helping them discover the value of nature through art, play, exploration and inquiry"

The Problem

- A generation of children have become disconnected to Nature.
- Children's play has moved from primarily outdoors to indoors, dominated by electronic media.
Contributing to:
 - attention deficit disorders
 - impaired social skills
 - cultural depression
 - obesity (13% of our children are overweight)
- Nature is important to children's development in every major way - intellectually, emotionally, socially spiritually and physically.



Goals / Outcomes

- Reconnect children and families to Nature
- Increase physical activity in youth and families
- Increase access to nature and nature program services
- Increase innovation and creativity in our children
- Increase appreciation for the arts
- Improved mental health:
 - less anxiety
 - less depression
 - reduced stress
- Improved physical health:
 - less obesity
 - less heart related problems
 - less diabetes
- Enhanced education related skills:
 - increased science & math aptitude
 - better school readiness
 - creativity
- Improved social skills
 - cooperation
 - problem solving
 - flexibility
 - self awareness
- Increased environmental stewardship (love, protect and appreciate)
- Decreased TV / screen time
- Decreased economic challenges

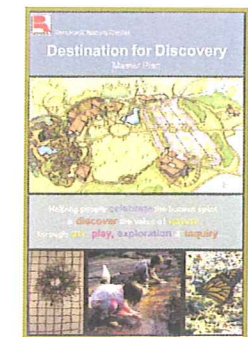
The Process

Preliminary Design (complete)

- Professional Consultants
- Professional Staff
- Parks Administration
- White Bear Center For The Arts



Destinations Identified



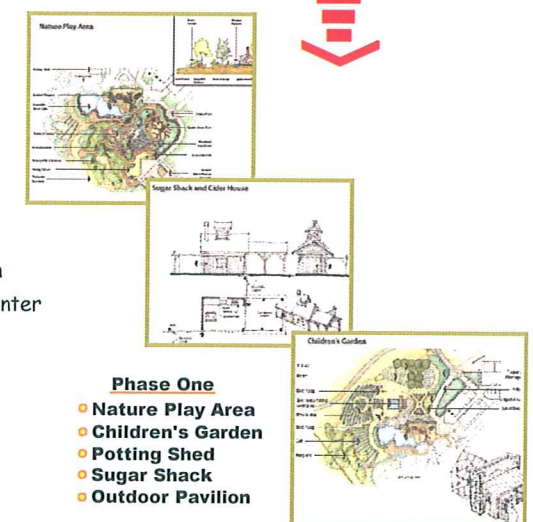
Master Plan Developed (complete)

Design Development (underway)



Refine Key Destination Design

- Professional Consultants
- Professional Staff
- Parks Administration
- White Bear Center For The Arts
- Community Input
- Stakeholders Input



Key Destinations Prioritized

(future steps)

Project Funding
(on-going)

Final Design / Construction

Programming / Education

