MISSION

TO DESIGN AND BUILD a learning center for Eden Place that is beautiful, functional, and affordable.

we SHARE the goal of EDEN PLACE . . .

“To cultivate a passion for environment within the youth of Chicago.”
FULLER PARK
the CONTEXT and COMMUNITY
EDEN PLACE NATURE CENTER

HIGHEST LEAD CONTAMINATION IN CHICAGO
EDEN PLACE FOUNDED BY MICHAEL HOWARD
200 TONS WASTE REMOVAL
HONORED BY EPA CONSERVATION AND NATIVE LANDSCAPING AWARD

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
YOUTH SCIENCE PROGRAMS
SMALL BUSINESS & TRADE TRAINING
NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS & HABITATS

TODAY
WHY does Fuller Park and Eden Place need the NATURE STUDIO???
EDEN PLACE FACILITIES

All temporary structures deteriorating condition
High energy costs
No restroom on site

Current facilities in urgent need of a safe & sustainable update
“The NATURE STUDIO at EDEN PLACE ...”
INCREASE EXISTING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
PROVIDE A SAFE LEARNING FACILITY
PROMOTE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE

“... will embody the values of Eden Place.”
COMMUNITY GATHERING SPACE
SAFE LEARNING FACILITY
PROMOTE LOCAL OUTREACH
GAIN EXPOSURE ON A LARGER SCALE

“...will enhance the urban experience
LOW MAINTENANCE COST
MINIMAL ENERGY USE
FUNDIED BY DONATIONS

PRIVATE DONORS
SPONSORSHIP
MATERIAL + TRADE DONATIONS

REDUCE OPERATING + ENERGY COSTS

Sustainable strategies + passive house + designed longevity

NATURE STUDIO ENDOWMENT
INCREASE EDEN PLACE SUPPORT

“... will be affordable.”
ZONING CONDITIONS

ASSEMBLY

REQUIRES SPECIAL ZONING VARIANCE
TIMELINE: 30-60 DAYS
LESS CODE RESTRICTIONS
PROGRAM USE IS FLEXIBLE

VS.

SCHOOL

PERMITTED WITH EXISTING ZONING RS-3
STANDARD ZONING/PERMITTING PROCESS
MINIMIZED TIMELINE
MORE CODE RESTRICTIONS
PROGRAM USE RESTRICTED TO EDUCATIONAL
SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

PRESEVE EXISTING NATURAL ELEMENTS
UTILIZE CURRENT CIRCULATION PATHS
MAINTAIN PRIMARY SIGHTLINES
ACCESS TO UTILITIES, SERVICE, AND PARKING
ENGAGE EXISTING EDEN PLACE PROGRAM
QUALITY SOUTHERN SUN EXPOSURE
FOLLOW SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
AESTHETIC
CLASSROOM IN THE PRAIRIE
NATURAL MATERIALS AND ARTICULATION
MODEST SCALE AND PROPORTION
WELCOME to the NATURE STUDIO...
OUTDOOR PROGRAM

- outdoor gathering
- viewing space

MAIN PROGRAM

- classroom meeting space
- laboratory demonstration

SUPPORT PROGRAM

- entry
- storage service
- restroom

SPACE

- classroom
  - seating / viewing
  - kitchenette
  - storage
  - surface / seating

- service
  - entry
  - restroom
  - storage
  - mechanical

- total interior space 750 square feet

- outdoor
  - gathering / seating
  - viewing space

no access

entry
storage
restroom
$500 / $500
BUILDING FEES

$0 / $5,000
MISC TOOLS + MATERIALS

$5,000 / $9,000
MEP EQUIPMENT + FIXTURES
* POTENTIAL DONOR

$0 / $3,500
INTERIORS + FINISHES

$1,500 / $1,500
SITE WORK + EXCAVATION

$2,500 / $4,000
FOUNDATION

$0 / $8,500
ROOF

$0 / $30,000
WINDOWS + DOORS
* POTENTIAL DONOR

$0 / $10,000
EXTERIOR WALLS
* POTENTIAL DONOR

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AGGRESSIVE FUNDRAISING
PRE-CONSTRUCTION

FREE LABOR

QUALITY CONSTRUCTION

LOW ENERGY COST

MINIMIZE OPERATING/
MAINTENANCE COST

INCREASE LIFESPAN

ENDOWMENT FUND
SECURE LEGACY