

# Playground Workshops

## Public Workshop

**September 11th, 6pm – 7:30 pm**  
**Waterfront Elementary BPS #95**  
**4th St. Buffalo, New York**

On September 11th, about 91 people from the community came out to Waterfront Elementary School to share their feedback on the draft design vision for Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park. Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates briefly presented an update on the projects progress and next steps, as well as a short overview of playground design concepts. After the presentation, children and adults were asked to visit four interactive stations where participants could share input on playground design through fun activities.

**Station #1** – Participants chose their favorite examples of playgrounds from places around the world in four different categories.

**Station #2** – Kids and adults examined the model of draft designs for the Play Garden and picked which part they're most excited about.

**Station #3** – Kids used crafts to design their dream playground.

**Station #4** – Kids showed off their designs at the pictures station, where the project team captured photos of the kids' creations.





# Station #1



Children and adults were also shown 16 images of example playgrounds from other places around the world, broken down into four categories: play structure, nature play, water play, and theme play. Children were given four small green stickers, and adults were given four orange stickers, then asked to put the stickers on the images of designs that they liked the most.



## Play Structures





Dots placed in each example:

		
1	6	5
2	7	11
3	12	12
4	2	0

## Nature Play



Dots placed in each example:

		
1	7	10
2	5	17
3	8	5
4	13	12





Station #1 (cont'd)

Water Play





Dots placed in each example:

		
1	8	8
2	0	7
3	9	14
4	0	0

Theme Play



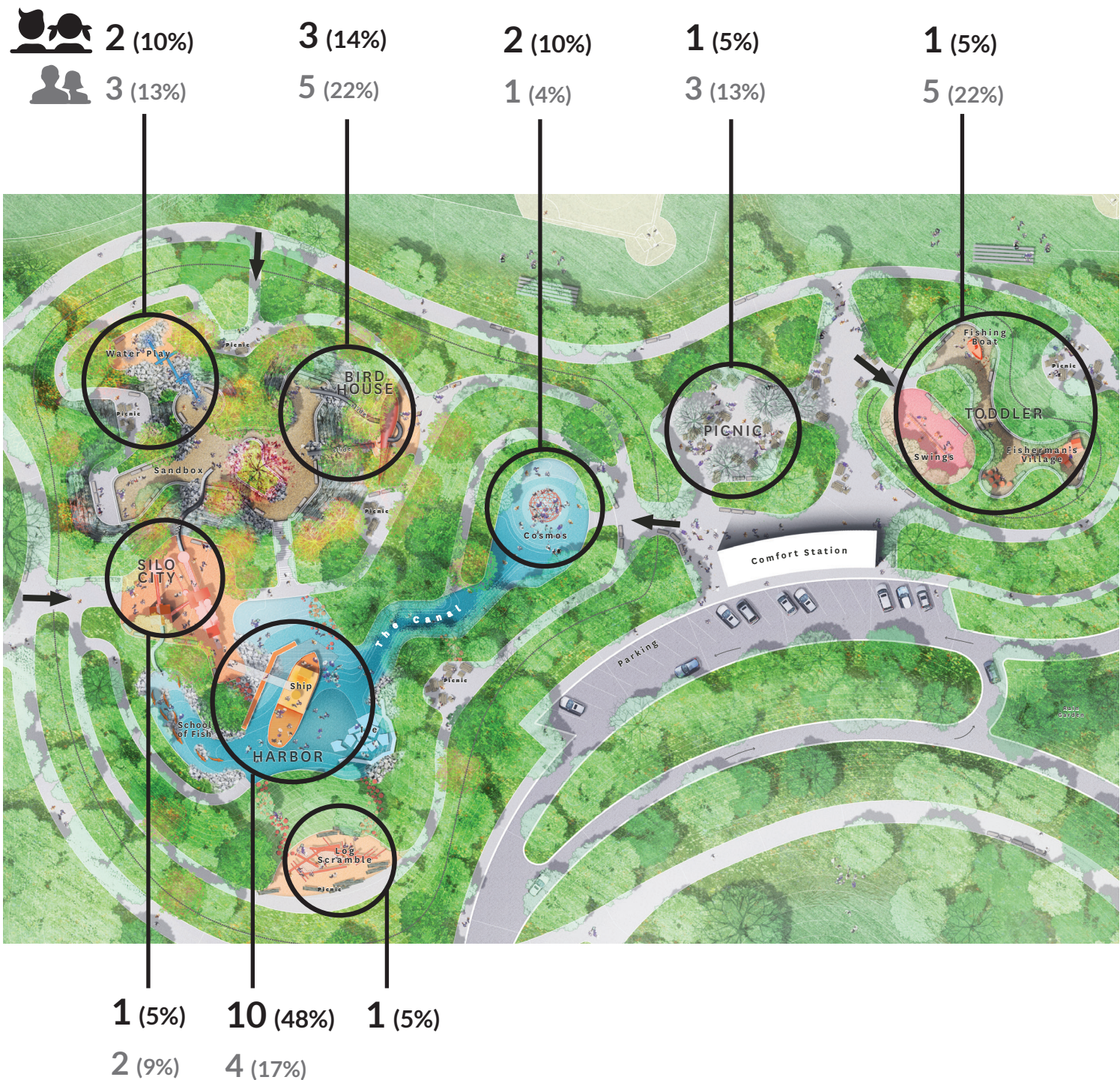
Dots placed in each example:

		
1	7	10
2	7	9
3	23	21
4	3	4



# Station #2

Participating kids and adults saw an 8:1 scale model of the preliminary draft design for the Play Garden in Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park. After looking at the model closely, participants were asked to place a sticker on a corresponding plan-view of the design in the area they were most excited about. Each child was given a purple sticker, and adults were given a blue sticker.





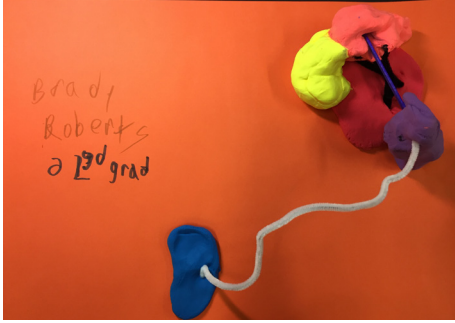
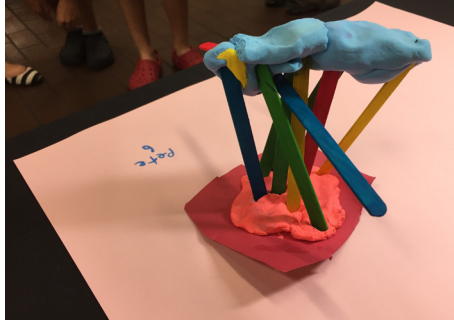
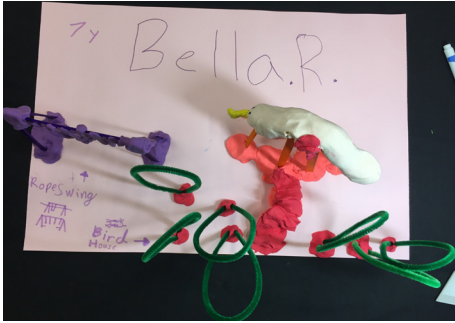
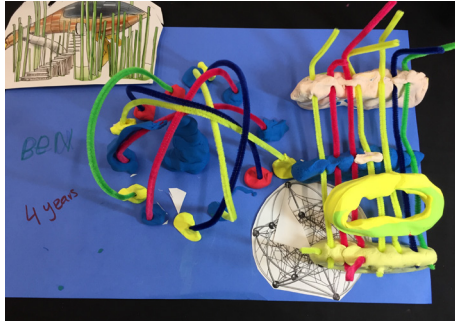
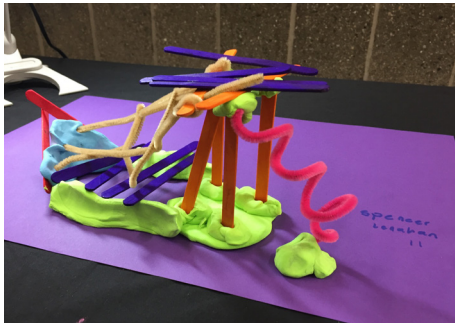
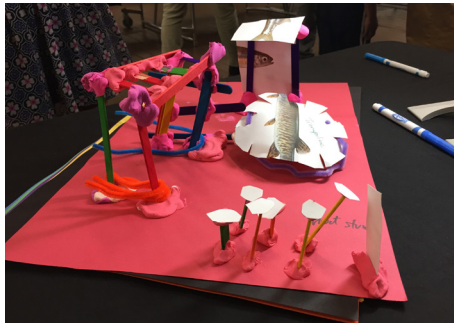
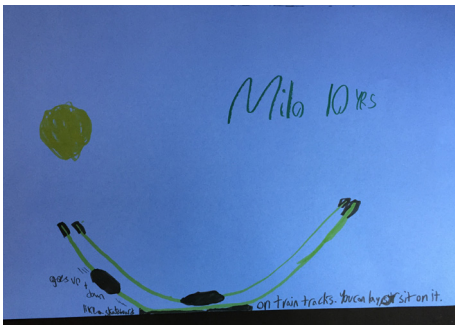
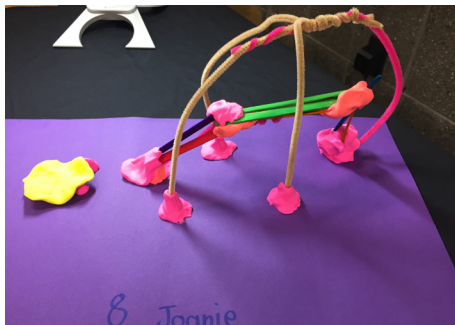
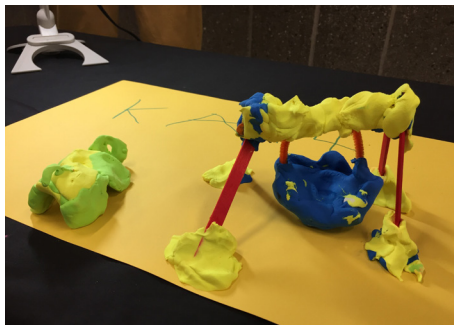
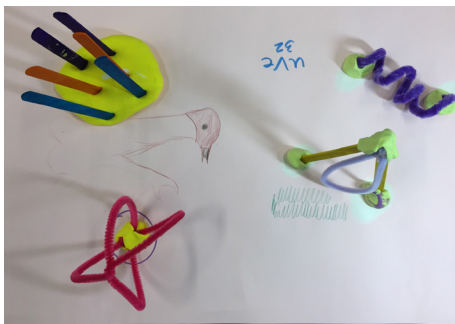
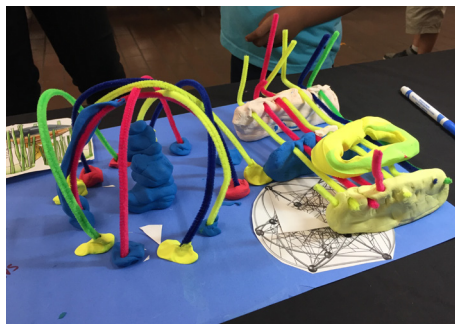
Station #3

Participating kids used crafts elements to design their own dream playground.



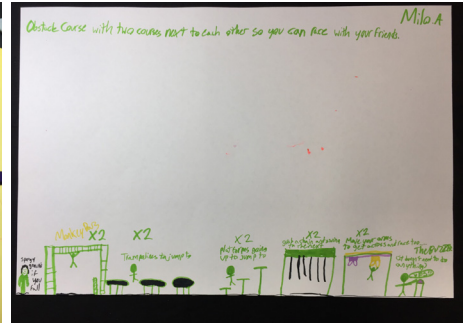
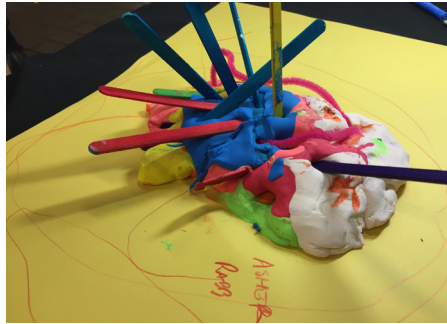
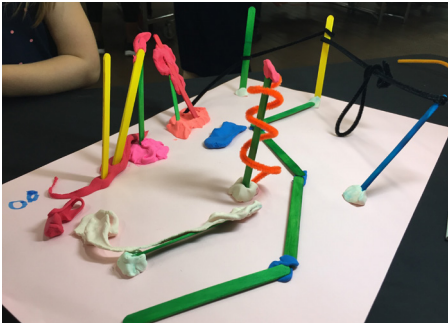
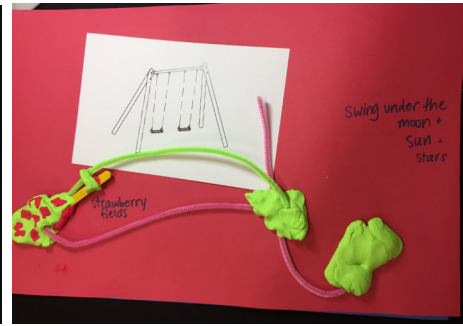
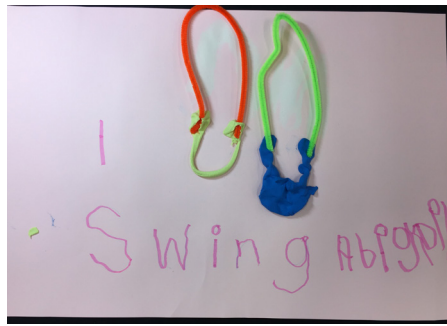
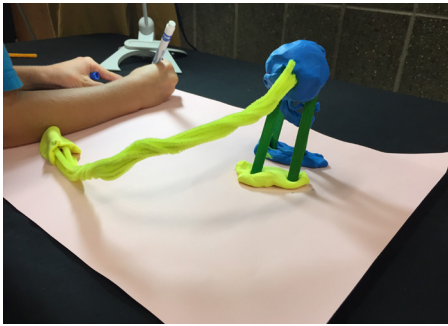


Station #3





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Things we heard from the kids' dream playgrounds:

### Wildlife

Climbing Structure

Strawberry Fields

Bird

Swings

Tree Stumps to Climb

Spider to Climb and Slide

Boat

### Rocket

### Sculpture

Snails

Butterfly Playground

Floating Playground with a Bridge

Roller Slide

Climbing to a Slide

Multicolored Trampoline

### Frog Pond

Slides

Zipline

### Jungle Gym

Hanging Bars

Balls

Dinosaur to Climb and Slide

### Turtle

Stepping Stones