



Sassafras All Children's Playground About Us

With the Frankie Lemmon Foundation serving as fiscal agent, the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation supplying space and support, and a group of big-hearted people combining efforts to construct Sassafras All Children's Playground, a playspace for children of all abilities is being developed. Conveniently located at Laurel Hills Park, at the corner of Glen Eden Drive and Edwards Mill Road, Sassafras All Children's Playground will take the place of the existing All Children's Playground built nearly 20 years ago. With the support of the community at large, Sassafras is scheduled for construction in the Spring 2011.

Our Mission

At Sassafras All Children's Playground, our Mission is to create a playground for children of all abilities by harnessing the cooperative energy, spirit and resources of the Triangle community.

History

Back in the good ol' days of 1991, some big-hearted people got together to build the Triangle's first and only all children's playground at Laurel Hills Park. What a great idea, right? The playground was designed so all kids could swing and slide and giggle and glide. It didn't matter if you were in a wheelchair, had leg braces or gum in your hair, it was yours.

What was true then is still true today.

So now, some 20 years later, a new group of big-hearted people is coming together to reconstruct the playground and not only make it safe, but make it even more awesome than it was before. Experts are being consulted, similar playgrounds are being visited and ideas are being thrown around the table. It's time to celebrate, as the new Sassafras All Children's Playground starts to take root.



In partnership with the city of Raleigh's Parks and Recreation Department.

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Reconstruction

In 1991 the “All Children’s Playground” was constructed by community volunteers at Laurel Hills Park, conveniently located at the corner of Glen Eden Drive and Edwards Mill Road. Due to evolving codes and safety requirements, the park needs to be taken down.

This makes the existing playground site the perfect spot for a new and exciting playground where every detail takes into consideration children of all abilities. The re-construction offers a unique opportunity to communicate back to the public that the initial goal of providing a safe place for children of all abilities to play together remains a priority. In addition, building a playground on an existing City Park site, which has a facility for programming, will allow for integration of programs and on-site recreation.

Why the project

Wake County needs integrated recreational facilities for able bodied and special needs children with various abilities and capabilities. Building a playground on an existing City Park site, which has a facility for programming, will allow for an integration of programs with on-site recreation.

Timing

Sassafras All Children’s Playground will be complete in Summer 2011. Since mid-2009, various organizations and committees have been meeting to discuss planning, development, volunteers, community engagement and more. Until the park opens, there will be numerous community meetings and events, focus groups and volunteer opportunities.

For media inquiries, please contact media@sassafrasplay.org.



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