



Community Schoolyards

Presentation to City of Miami Beach

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OUR INITIATIVES



LANDS

We work with landowners, partner groups and public agencies to acquire, create access to, and secure public ownership and stewardship of the lands and waters that make our communities great places to live, work, and play.



TRAILS

Working with communities, we are creating and protecting trail systems across the country. Urban, suburban, and rural trails connect people to nature, recreation, schools, workplaces, and their broader neighborhood.



PARKS

Working alongside youth and community members, equitable development entities and builders, we create parks that reflect and serve local communities and connect people to nature and to each other.



SCHOOLYARDS

We work in partnership with students, parents, and communities to redesign and create schoolyards that are open to the public, serving as a hub for community empowerment, improved health and education, and climate resiliency.

Community Schoolyard programs are based on the need for multi-functional parks

- ***Community Schoolyards are open to the community after school hours and are designed by the schools and community as nature-rich grounds providing opportunities for learning, play, community health, and climate resilience***
- School campuses are often one of the largest property owners in their respective cities and counties and have environmental conditions and features that lend themselves as community gathering places
- TPL works with each school's students, faculty, and surrounding community to envision, invest in, and implement a space that is utilized as an outdoor learning area during the school day and as a public park after school hours.

We estimate 1-5 percent of schoolyards are open to the public and designed with features that schools and communities need.

By redesigning schoolyards — and making them green and accessible to the community after school and on weekends — we can put a great park within a 10-minute walk of more than 19 million people.

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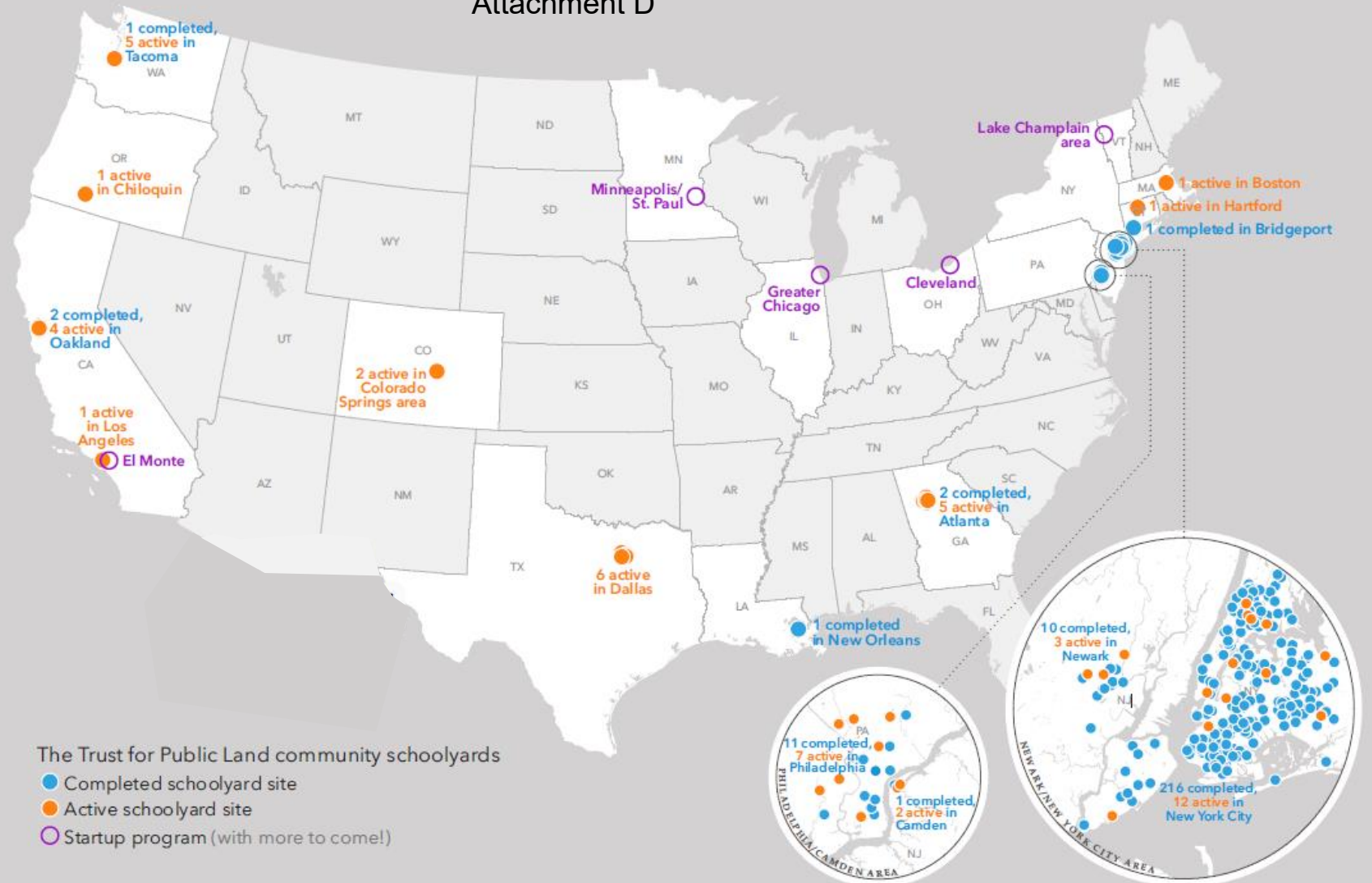


Created **12 robust schoolyard programs**

Connected more than **4 million people** within a 10-minute walk of a community schoolyard

Diverted over **40 million gallons** of stormwater each year from CSOs

Planted **tens of thousands of trees**



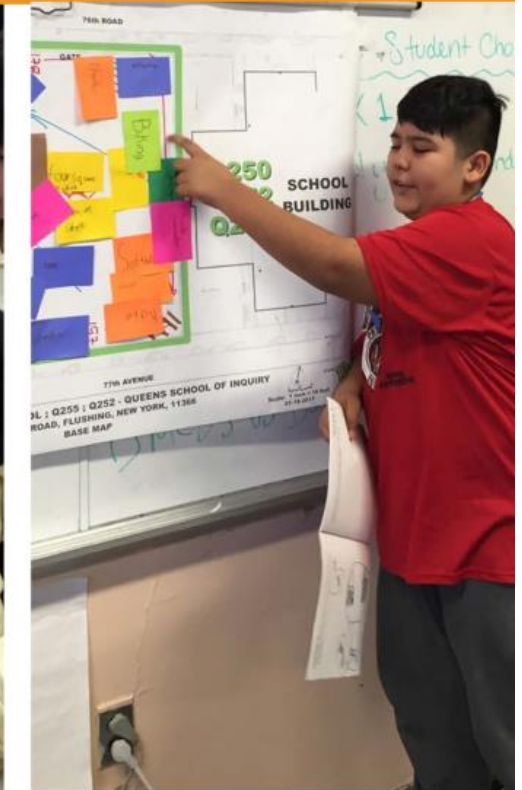
Connecting everyone to the outdoors™

Schoolyard Programs across the country

Nearly 300 transformations

PARTICIPATORY DESIGN

Students are at the Center of Change





STORMWATER CAPTURE



Raingarden paths, porous seating and so much more!

Adaire School in Philadelphia

9600 people live in a 10-minute walk

Key Partners: Philadelphia School District, Philadelphia Water Department and Friends of Adaire

Total Budget: \$900,000



Biscayne Beach Elementary School



Attachment D

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PS 156 Waverly and LS 392 Brooklyn, NY

We saw these barren asphalt schoolyards and we recognized an amazing opportunity to reinvent them as vibrant city parks.

Photo by: Joe Martinez

Attachment D



Thank you!

To learn more about our national Schoolyard Initiative, please contact: danielle.denk@tpl.org



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