

WHAT MAKES ELIZABETH AUSTIN PLAYGROUND AT FRUIT VALLEY PARK INCLUSIVE?



1 ACCESSIBLE SURFACING

The material used to cover the ground is called “surfacing.” Accessible surfacing is solid rubber, so it’s easier to move across, and supports smooth transitions between different areas of the playground.



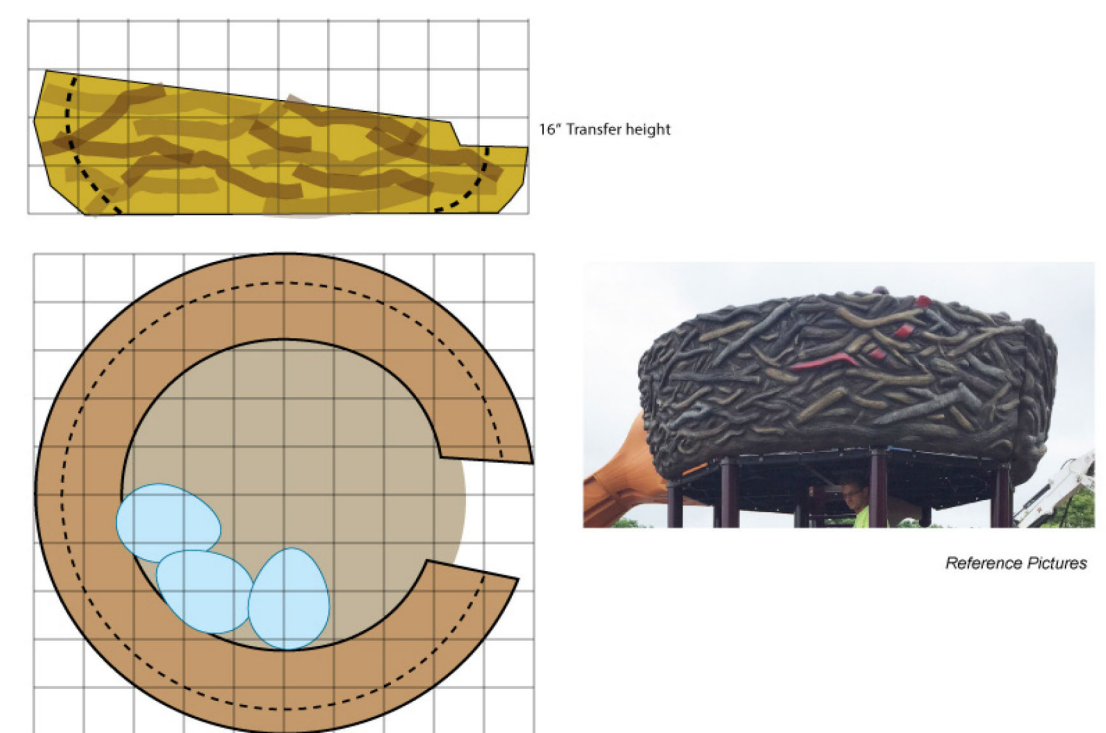
7 INCLUSIVE SEAT ON TRACK RIDE

With a full support seat and harness, this equipment is accessible to users with a variety of abilities. The playground design encourages people to stay connected during play, even though individuals may interact with the equipment differently.



6 SPINNING EQUIPMENT

This equipment provides opportunities for spinning (vestibular movement), which helps develop balance, equilibrium, muscle tone, and coordination. The spinner has a smooth and level entry surface for easy access.



11 QUIET RETREAT NEST

Inviting retreat spaces create opportunities to rest, reflect, and enjoy quiet play in areas that are tucked away from more active play zones.



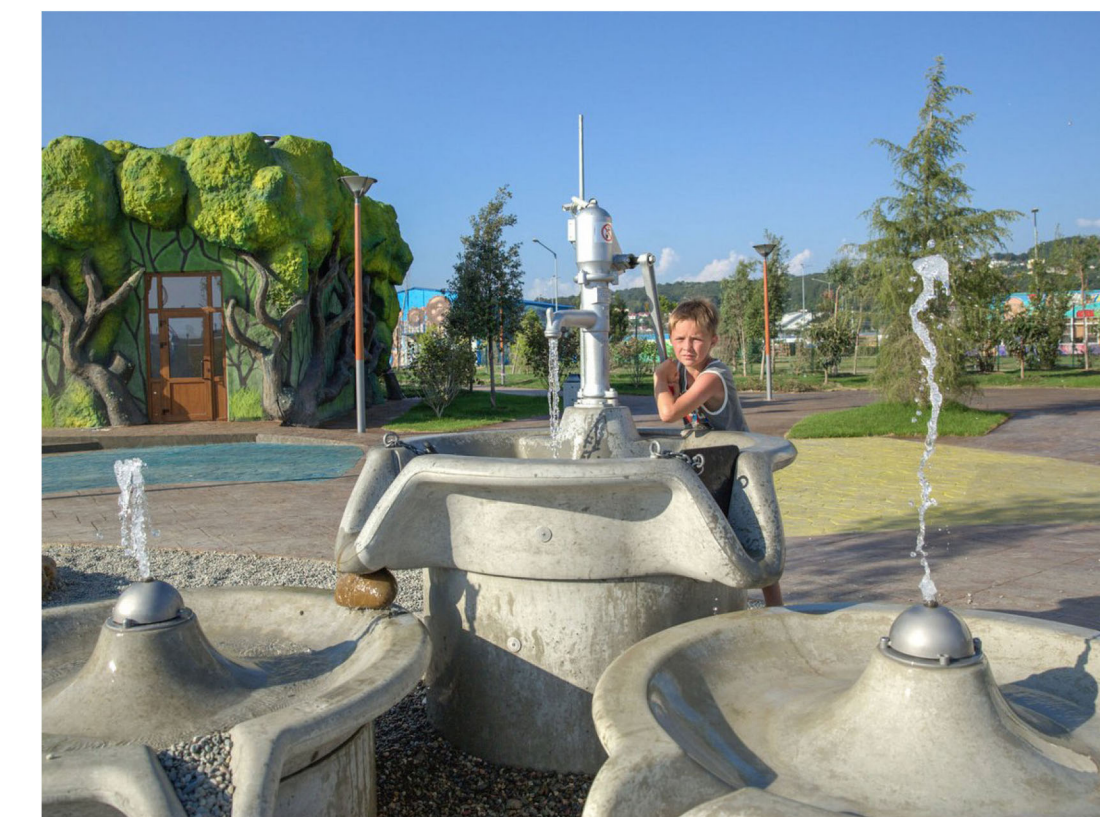
12 SENSORY SPACES

Sensory spaces create play opportunities beyond running, jumping, and climbing. A number of instruments offer ground level accessible play and reflect the bird theme through sound. There are also ground level bird sculptures for visitors to interact with.



17 CLEAR EDGE DEFINITION

Clearly defining the play area with visual cues like symbols, colors and fencing helps people safely navigate and understand how to use the space. The play area is fully fenced in with two access gates for public safety.



9 WATER SENSORY INTERACTION

Waterplay encourages sensory development with a multi-sensory experience that engages touch, sound, sight and smell. The waterplay basins and channels provide opportunities for elevated and at ground waterplay for users of differing heights and mobility types.



5 CRAB TRAP CLIMBER

The crab trap climber has a classic transfer station with a rubber ramp where everyone can climb or crawl up to a slide at the top of the climber. It has ground level activities and interest as well as higher climbing and sliding challenges.