

Welcome to our Natural Playscape Project Page!

A few years ago, one of the school committees identified the need for a natural playscape. We have two public pre-K classrooms and the climbing structure in the front of the building is not always appropriate for these little ones. We also have two classrooms for students with disabilities and these children do not have access to the climbing structure. A few teachers formed their own “Playground Committee,” to work on making the back yard green space into a natural playscape.

The teachers, Jennifer Seed, Jessica Kalloch, and Chad Hart, started working with the City of Portland, the Portland Parks and Recreation Department, Portland trails, and the school ground greening coalition.

The committee approached Sashie Milner, landscape designer. She was the landscape designer for both the East End Community School playground and for the PATHS pre-K classroom. Sashi has quite a bit of experience working and collaborating to make these playscapes a successful part of the school grounds.

The committee has been successful in getting two School Grounds Greening Coalition grants, totaling \$4000. They received a \$1000 Portland Education Fund grant. There is a [Go Fund Me](#) link on this website. The committee has written many grants and continues to keep working on fundraising for this project.

We have already had \$450 in donations on the Go Fund Me page. We also have had a donation of a small sailboat from the owners of J's Oyster Bar. The Rec. Department was able to refurbish this boat to be used in the design. The City of Portland is donating excavating, granite, wood, sand and other pieces as needed.

Thank you for your interest in this project. Please consider making a donation on the link on this page.