

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

NEWS

CDRC WINS KABOOM GRANT

The Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design's Community Design Resource Center was one of 50 winners out of over 1000 applicants to the Play Everywhere Challenge. The Play Everywhere Challenge is a national competition that has awarded \$1 million in prizes to 50 winners across the U.S. who are committed to bringing play to everyday spaces, making it easy and available for kids and families. Whether these PLAYces are at bus stops, in Laundromats, at grocery stores, or on the sidewalk, they challenged applicants to think creatively and innovatively to ensure city design helps kids receive the play they need to thrive – even in unexpected places. For more information on the grant:

The Play COURT will be designed and implemented with the children, youth and caregivers who live at Oxford Place. Our goal is to create an inviting, wondrous, convenient, challenging, shared, and unifying play space in the complex—one that tells the story of the place, brings people together, and is constantly new—concepts shared with our Zona de Juego. (We believe it is important to manage expectations, as a result we will develop the specific design with our community partners if we are awarded the grant.)



FROM PARKING TO SPORT COURT?

We believe that parking areas can serve multiple purposes, including incorporating a sport court or other active play



FROM PATHS TO ACTIVE PLAY?

We believe that sidewalks and paths can be transformed into zones for play, learning, stories and fun



FROM EMPTY COURTYARDS TO MULTI-GENERATIONAL PLAY SPACES

We believe that courtyards provide an opportunity to create gardens of all kinds—sound, vegetable, play—and places for people to gather



FROM GATES TO PLAY WALLS?

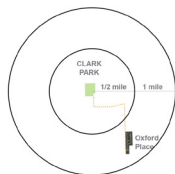
We believe that the gates could become a mural, play wall, or other public art installation

CITY LAB STORY:

<http://www.citylab.com/cityfixer/2016/09/designing-the-future-of-play/500702/>

NEW YORK TIMES STORY:

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/09/20/well/family/giant-bubbles-and-urban-periscopes-among-winners-of-play-contest.html?_r=0



Oxford Place is more than one mile walking distance from the closest public park



Parking



Courtyard



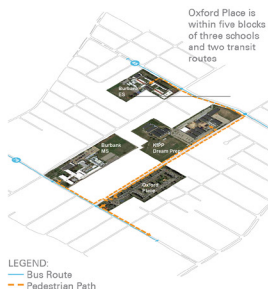
Paths



Gates

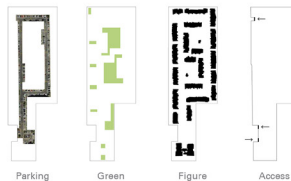
OXFORD PLACE APARTMENTS
605 Berry Road
Houston TX

Existing Conditions
UNITS: 250
AREA: 10.6 ACRES
DENSITY: 24 UNITS/ACRE
CHILDREN: Approximately 500



Oxford Place is within five blocks of three schools and two transit routes

LEGEND:
— Bus Route
— Pedestrian Path



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