

**KEARNEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BRIGHT FUTURES PRESCHOOL &  
NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY**

910 E 34th Street  
Kearney, NE 68847  
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Initial Site Visit: March 18-19, 2007  
Approximate square footage: 2,730

**DEMONSTRATION SITE  
OVERVIEW**



**Program Overview:**

The Kearney Public School system serves 4,882 students in 14 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 high school, 1 educational opportunity school, and 3 preschools. There are 54 children in the 3 preschool facilities. The Bright Futures Preschools are available to those who are age-eligible and are low income, English language learners, are of premature birth or low birth weight, are children of teen parents, or meet other risk factors. It is one of 38 Early Childhood Education Grant Programs in Nebraska.

Ages served: Preschoolers, School Age  
Number of children enrolled: 181+  
Serve children with Special Needs: Yes—Language, Autism DD, ADHD, Downs Syndrome  
Serve low income children: 100%  
Number of staff: 60+

**From their Application:**

The outdoor classroom would provide multiple hands on experiences for the students during the school day in the areas of science, social studies, guidance, music, art and language arts. In particular, this classroom, combined with the upper grades out door classroom, would provide an ideal space for all children to learn through nature and develop a sense of wonder through their outdoor experiences. They have a large, open area in which to develop the Nature Explore classroom.



## Kearney Work in progress



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Entrance Sign



Plants & Messy Materials Area

## Kearney update, Summer, 2009



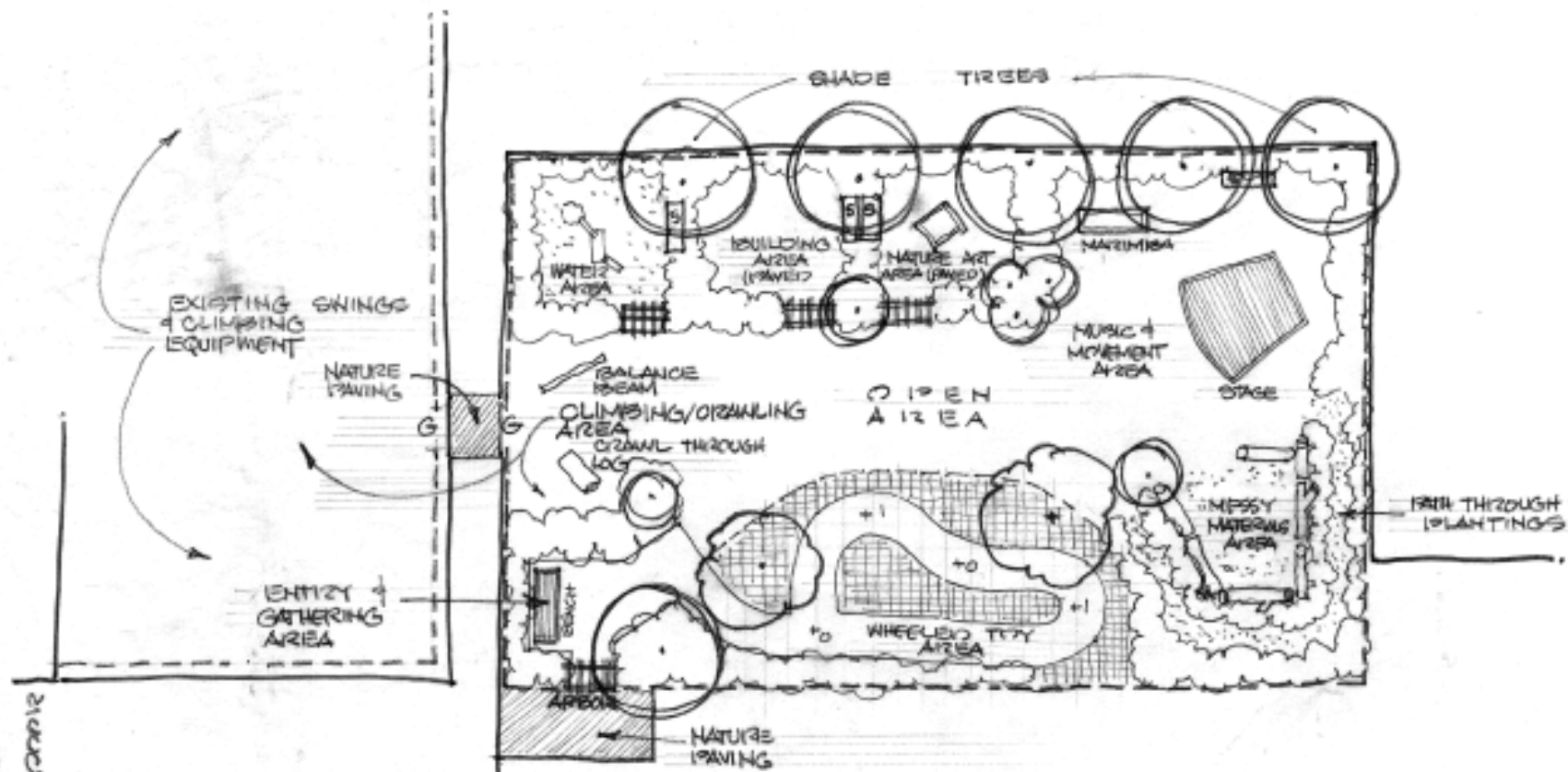
Climbing Area



Storage, Art Table



Bike Path



KEARNEY NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY  
**PROGRAM SKETCH.**

1/8" = 1'-0"

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