Building Cities for Children with Children

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Drawing by Kaya Surden, age 9
Principle 3: Base engagements upon assets, not deficits.
Growing Up Boulder (GUB) is Boulder, Colorado, USA’s child- and youth-friendly city initiative
FARMERS’ MARKET

Drawing by Emily Tarantini
Tree house
Fairy lights
Flora
Monkeys

Dog Park
Climbable trees
Shade
Water fountain

Fountain to play in
Cool slides

Fauna
Squirrels

Brooklyn Spencer
Photos by Lynn M. Lickteig (left) and Erica Fine (right).
Public art: a parade of animals designed from plastic beads
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grassy hill area

Me bike racks

side walk for pedestrians and bikes

grassy meadow

light for nighttime

bouldering wall with climbing routes

pond area

food truck

bathroom
Paint Steps

We designed pressure plates that when stepped on, activate paint cans that spray onto a suspended wall. It is interesting because art is cool and when you jump from one it would be fun seeing the paint splash against the wall.
Garden example? Tamar's model?

Photo by Lynn M. Lickteig
Drawing by Boulder Journey Preschool child
A city friendly to children is a city friendly to all.
Athen's Court Apartments

- Izzys Coffee Shop
- Annie's Ice Cream
- Athen's Court Community Center
- Ting's Healthy Market