



We are Woodland, an urban conservation center driving ecological education & the preservation of native wildlife. Woodland aims to give everyone tools to protect our threatened environment while creating an accessible & inclusive community space.

# CREATING URBAN ACCESSIBILITY.

#### **MINORITY ACCESSIBILITY:**

Minority populations are "three times more likely than whites to live in an area with limited access to nature". Additionally, 74% of minority communities lived in areas with less natural area than the state-median (Washington Post, 2020).



FREE ADMISSION
CLOSE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
DIVERSE LANGUAGE AND IMAGERY

#### **DISABLED & IMPAIRED ACCESSIBILITY:**

In a report published by the National Park Service in 2015, more than national 400 park units still featured centers with "without accessible restrooms, water fountains, and entrances". Many of the displays in these centers featured graphical components with no vision impaired considerations (NPS, 2015).



ACCESSIBLE DESIGNATED TRAILS INCLUSIVE WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE

#### **EDUCATIONAL FUNDING DISPARITY:**

Research has continually shown that afterschool programs can work to level the playing field for disadvantaged youth in urban areas by reducing dropout rates and improving grades. Non-white students recieve an average of "11,682 of funding per student, in comparison to \$13,908 for racially concentrated, white districts" (PS, 2019).



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS
INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
FEE-FREE ENROLLMENT

# DECONSTRUCTING COMMUNITY BIRS.

# AVAILABILITY HEURISTIC BIAS

#### People will find whatever is more talked about or perceived to be more memorable

Problem: In many ad campaigns, outdoorsy families are usually represented as white and without disability. This perpetuates the idea that outdoor experience are a non-minority priviledge.

# OSTRICH/SELECTIVE PERCEPTION BIAS

#### People avoid information that could be unpleasant or upsetting.

Problem: Problems like accessibility for minorty and disabled populations are complicated issues that many people would rather pretend do not exist rather than resolve. This also applies to local and greater environmental and conservation issues.

#### **CONFIRMATION BIAS**

#### People interpret new information as a confirmation of their pre-existing beliefs rather than having an open mind.

Problem: People with implict racial biases may interpret lack of minority involvement in environmental issues or outdoor activities as rooted in something other than historical disparagement and lack of accessibility.

# POSITIVE CHANGE.

#### LAND PRESERVATION

Currrently, 75% percent of the globe is affected by "land degredation", which is the process by which natural areas are poorly impacted by human activities. If this continues, "95% of the Earth's land areas could become degraded by 2050" (National Geographic).

#### **NATIVE PLANT & ANIMAL CONSERVATION**

The infatuation with the perfect, green lawn has resulted in a "monoculture carpet across the country that covers over 40 million acres" (Audubon). This replacement of native plantlife threatens entire ecosystems that have evolved to rely on pre-existing structures.

#### **AIR & WATER QUALITY**

Despite studies showing that "parks remove up to 7,111,000 tons of toxins from the air annually at a value of \$3.8 billion to cities" (City Parks Alliance) and prevent other issues involving water quality and the heat-island effect, there is little natural land set aside in urban areas.



# **OBJECTIVES**

Increased accessibility to natural areas in an urban landscape

Personal conservation education

Afterschool programs for areas of educational disparagement

Preservation and restoration of native plants and animals





URBAN INHABITANTS

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

RACIAL MINORITY GROUPS

THE DISABLED & IMPAIRED



# IMPRCT LADDER

### SHIFT ---- AUDIENCE

Interest in native ecology, and the greater environment

Conservation efforts

Intellectual investment in local ecology and sustaining our threatened environment School-aged children

Adult community members

All community members

# THEORY OF CHANGE\*

\*It is clear that this change is occuring if urban dwellers take part in learning by using trails and enrolling in afterschool programs.

## FROM ---- TO

"I don't have access to trails near me, nor do I have the interest or time to use them."

"I don't see how I have any place in promoting environmentalism."

"My kids don't play outside or seem to care for nature much."

"I have access to a natural area near me and I love to use it as a learning tool."

"I take active part in caring for our environment."

"My kids enjoy playing outside and learning about local plants and animals."

# **PERSONAS**



Female | 43 years Married [2 children] Elementary Teacher | 57k

Interests: Yoga, playing piano, and education Needs:

Better school funding & outdoor exposure for her family



Female | 7 years Grade: 2nd

Interests:

Cooking with mom, playing with friends, and dancing to music

Needs:

Afterschool play experiences & environmental education



Male | 22 years Single Full-Time Student \*Vision Impaired

Interests: Soccer, travel, and movies

Needs:

Vision inclusive signage & outdoor experiences near public transport





Male | 26 years Single Athletic Trainer | 36k

Interests:

Working out, walking his dog, and reading sci-fi

Needs:

A space for outdoor physical activity & proximity to nature



Female | 35 years
Married
Sales Representative | 51k
\*Requires Wheelchair

Interests:

Video games & social justice

Needs:

Wheelchair accessible centers & outdoor experiences & exposures





Male | 78 years Single \*Mobility Difficulties

Interests:

Listening to music, watching grandchildren, and playing cards

Needs:

Positive community experiences & clarity about trail difficulty

# EMPRTHY MRD KIERA

#### SAYS

"I wish my kids played outside more!"

"I wish I could find an afterchool program that would benefit my kids."

"I am concerned about my school district's funding compared to other areas."

"I wish that natural areas aside from city parks weren't all so far away."

"I'm not sure how to get my kids involved in caring about the environment."

#### **THINKS**

The lack of school funding in her minority populated district is upsetting.

Urban parks could be cleaner and feel safer for her children

Public parks are just not the same as walking on a trail

Something must happen about the current environmental situation

#### **DOES**

Actively participates on the school board as a teacher and parent

Values spending family time outside and away from screens

Cares about the wellbeing of her children from an environmental standpoint

Teach her children about environmental issues but has few resources

#### FEELS

Frustrated by the lack of minority representation in outdoor activities

Angry and saddened by the lack of school funding in her community

Discouraged by the fact that her kids aren't able to play outside much.

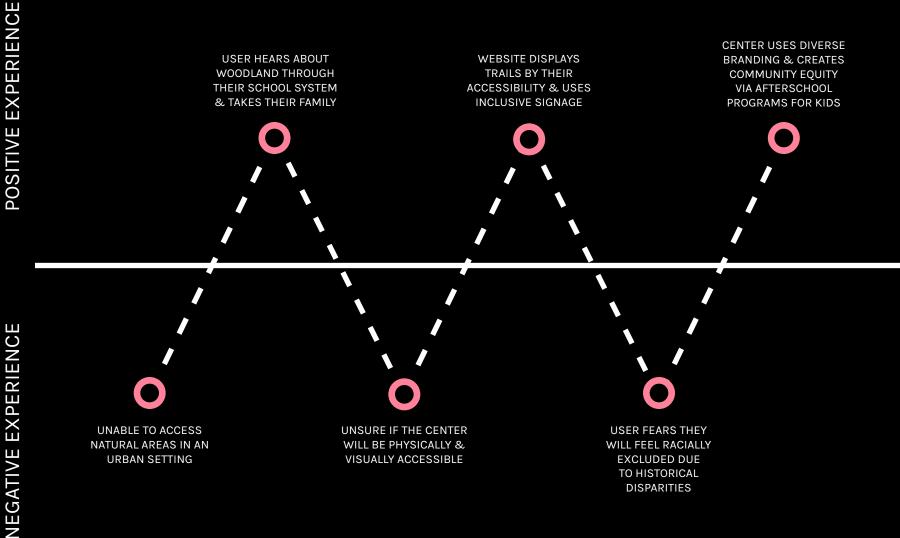
Frustrated by her family's inaccessibility to better parks.

#### **PAINS & GAINS:**

Worried about the future of the environment, saddened by the state of the educational system, needing a support system to alleviate worries, needing outdoor exposure, & hopeful of a brighter future for her children who face racial and environmental threats

#### **GOAL:**

Give Kiera the framework she needs to introduce her family to important issues regarding environmentalism.



**DISPARITIES** 

# COMPETITOR RESERRCH

# MILWAUKEE URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER:

#### MISSION:

"We connect people in cities to nature and each other."

#### WHAT THEY OFFER:

- Afterschool programs
- NEEP Program
- Rentals
- Adult Learning Programs
- Ecology Center
- Community Garden
- Equality Mission Statement

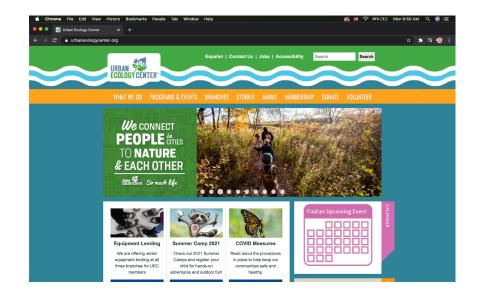
#### **GAPS:**

- Accessible Trail Map
- Transparency Via Reports
- Immersive Trail Systems

#### LOGO:



#### **WEBSITE:**



# PARTNERSHIP



#### MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES:

Partnering with the Minnesota DNR enables Woodland to implement stateapproved conservation practices and provides the center with access to ecological research and state-assisted funding.

# NAME + CONCEPT

#### **MEANING:**

Noun | wood-land, -luhnd;
Adjective | wood-luhnd

#### Noun:

land covered with trees

#### Adjective:

of, relating to, or inhabiting the woods; sylvan

#### **CONNOTATIONS:**

Natural lore

Safety & shelter

Untouched nature

Flora & fauna

Thickets & underbrush

Lushness

# BRAND PERSONALITY

#### WHAT IS THE MARKET?:

Urban dwellers of all ages, particularly those that have been disparaged due to race or accessibility issues related to disability.

#### HOW DO PEOPLE LEARN OF IT?:

School systems & ad campaigns

#### WHY DO PEOPLE PICK IT?:

It feels accessible to everyone and fulfills the desire for a more immersive and educational outdoor experience in an environment that feels safe and approachable.

#### WHO ARE THE COMPETITORS?:

City parks & afterschool programs offered in urban areas

#### WHO IS SEEKING THIS SERVICE?:

People living in an urban area that feel unfulfilled by city parks near them. They are seeking an educational experience that feels accessible, inclusive, and naturally immersive.

#### **BRAND PERSONALITY:**

Inclusive

Lush

Kid-Friendly

**Environmentally Friendly** 

Contemporary

Urban

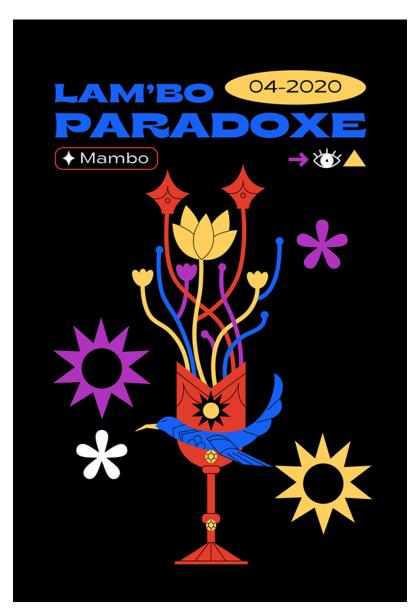
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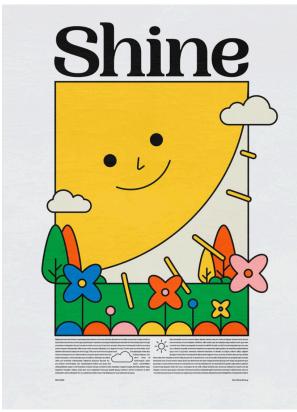
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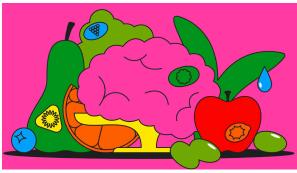
#### THIS, BUT NOT THAT:

Bubbly, but not goofy
Accessible, but not patronizing
Bright, but not garish
Contemporary, but not cold
Lush, but not tropical
Urban, but not unnatural

# VISUAL INSPIRATION













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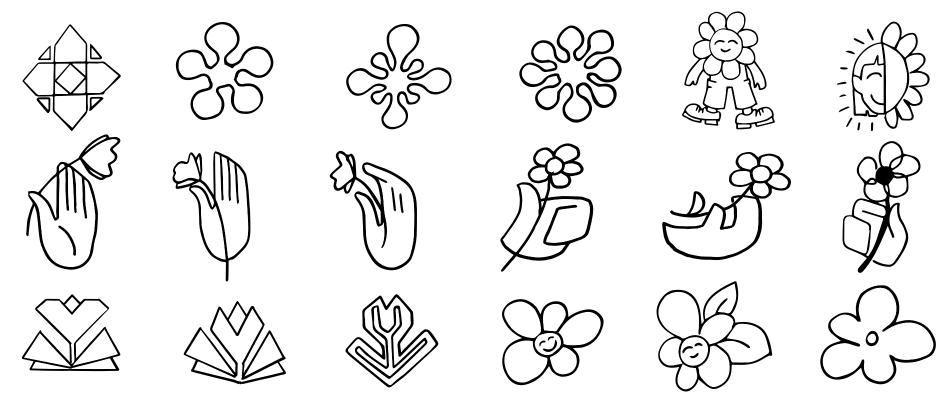
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## LOGO SKETCHES



**SKETCHES** 

**DIGITAL ILLUSTRATIONS** 















# LOGO DERTON

























# LOGO SYSTEM

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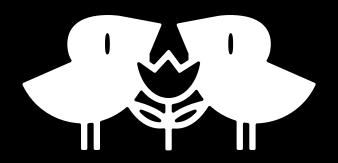


**GRAPHIC LOGO** 



REDUCED WORDMARK

**GRAPHIC LOGO ALTERNATE** 



# FONT SCALABILITY

#### **BOLD**

Preferred for large displays for its personality & boldness

#### **HEAVY**

Preferred for small applications for its greater visibility & legibility

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20 pt

WOOD LAND

10 pt

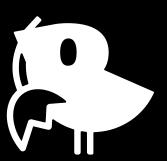
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# SMALL LOGO SYSTEM

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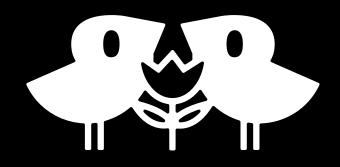


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## ILLUSTRATIONS & ICONS





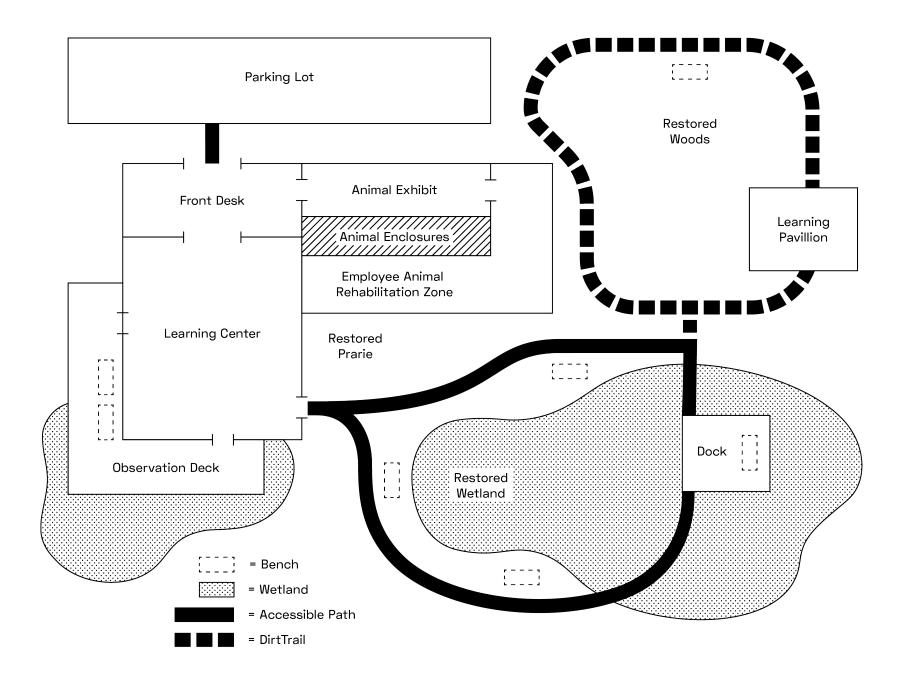








# MAP OF WOODLAND





#### STATIONARY

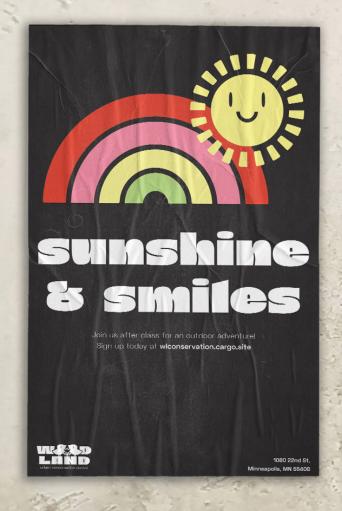




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# **URBAN BILLBOARD** visit wlconservation.cargo.site 1080 22nd St Minneapolis, MN 55408 city outdoor



#### **CENTER BROCHURE**









urban conservation center

Monday - Saturday · 8 am - 7 pm



# outdoor compost.

Visit the front desk for an audio accompaniment for this experience!

Select the ideal spot.

If you are placing your compost outside, an open bin or even a pile will do! Any indoor composting bin will need to be airtight to prevent odors. Save up a variety of organic scraps, avoiding meat products.

Switch up green & browns.

When building your compost, start by adding the green scraps as the base. Things like lawn clippings and vegetable scraps are moist and carry nitrogen essential to the composting process! Alternate between these green layers and brown waste, such as egg cartons and dried leaves. The brown layers should compose most of the top portion, providing aeration and carbon.

Keep moist & stir.

In order for decomposition to occur, there will need to be the proper amount of green layers to provide the compost with dampness. Ideally, there should be 3 parts brown to 1 part green. To distribute this moisture and aerate, the compost will need to be stirred every 7 to 10 days.

Ready to garden!

When all visible waste scraps have dissipated, a rich, dark material should remain. Use this to introcude enriching nutrients into your garden!





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