Children become tomorrow’s reality. The lessons that they learn follow them throughout their entire lives. If sustainable education is taught early, there is an increased probability for environmentally friendly actions to occur in the future.

The idea behind educating sustainable behavior involves a wholistic approach that engages its participants through nature. A personal well-being is attained through the mind and the body. Every facet of environmental awareness must be considered in order to expand future horizons.

The instillation of these ideas into the minds of today’s youth will allow future sustainability practices to become automatic, rather than problematic.

1. Commons
2. Office
3. Office
4. Conference Room
5. Lab
6. Daycare
7. Woodshop
8. Indoor/Outdoor Classroom
9. Indoor/Outdoor Classroom
10. Indoor/Outdoor Classroom
11. Water storage
12. Warming Space
13. Reception
14. Storage Closet
15. Outdoor Storage
16. Kitchen
17. Cold Storage
18. Dry Storage
19. Water Collection
20. Faculty Break Room
21. Library
22. Breakout Space
23. Storage Closet
24. Design Art Studio
25. Breakout Space
26. Storage Closet

Lower Level
Mechanical Room

Ground Floor

Second Floor

First Floor

Mid Level Hallway

Island Access

Minneapolis Bus Route

Existing Bus Stops

10 20 30

50 100
Site
Nicollet Island is a community located on the Mississippi River approximately 0.5 miles northeast of Minneapolis Minnesota. There are three major structures on the island which include DeLaSalle High School, the Nicollet Island Inn, and the Nicollet Island Pavilion. The island also contains 22 residential homes, as well as three multi-family residential buildings.

Closely located to the University of Minnesota campus, Nicollet Island creates a wonderful opportunity for students of a variety of majors to volunteer their time to become teachers, leaders, and mentors to the children of the surrounding area.

Project Goal
The goal for this project is to create a suitably rich oasis for children that properly provides sustainably conscious education through hands-on interactions with the environment as well as the architecture.