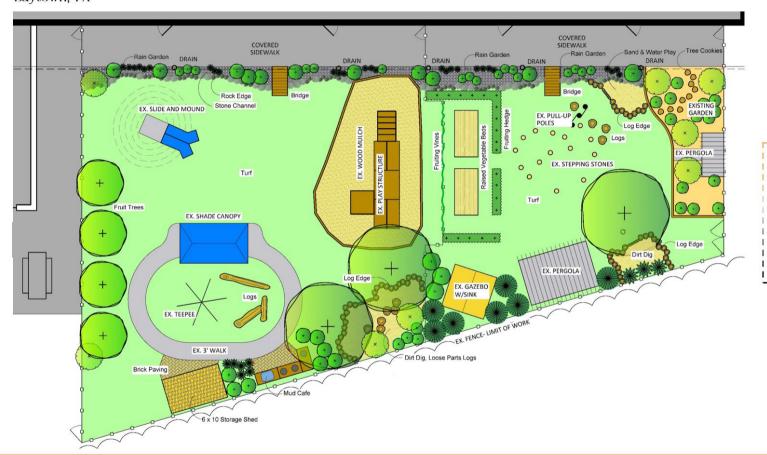
OLESTEXAS OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Peter E. Hyland Childcare Center Baytown, TX









The Harris County Department of Public Health sponsored the OLE! Texas design workshop at Peter E. Hyland Childcare Center. The center can accommodate up to 115 infant, toddler, and pre-school children. Their curriculum is play-based, enhanced through Reggio and are aligned with state early learning standards of school

success. The OLE! Texas design workshop was facilitated by the TTU Coalition for Natural Learning and were joined by two Houston designers. The existing space had very few play settings with the exception of a circular pathway and scattered equipment and features. The stakeholder survey indicated a desire for more natural features including vegetable gardens, a pollinator garden, and dirt play. An existing covered walkway serves as an excellent transition space and a dry creek bed proposed its edge to help manage rainwater drainage from its roof.



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