The Edible School Yard (ESY) at the Greensboro Children’s Museum (GCM) is an organic teaching garden with vegetables, herbs, fruits, chickens, a pond, outdoor classrooms, and many other features. ESY is committed to providing children and their families with the developmental benefits of participating in the “seed to table” philosophy of Alice Waters (founder of the famed Chez Panisse restaurant, and the inspiration behind the original ESY at Martin Luther King Middle School, Berkeley, CA).

Robin Moore and Nilda Cosco, (NLI) were primary programming and design contributors. The ESY is part of the GCM outdoor masterplan developed by a local design team, which included NLI’s facilitation of design workshops, design charrettes, and community meetings. The ESY schematic design and illustrative graphics were completed after a series of in-house reviews.

Opened to the public in 2010, the ESY is uniquely located in a museum rather than a school. Since opening, over 180,000 people have visited the ESY, many as participants in programming scheduled for the ESY, which has also attracted international attention.

Project Size: .5 Acres

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