



## Fitzpatrick Playground

VLS partnered with the Philadelphia Department of Public Property, neighbors, and the local councilman to upgrade this neighborhood asset for the first time in over 20 years.

This project was part of a series of projects Viridian developed under an indefinite quantities contract. The projects were a precursor to Philadelphia's ReBuild Program. Designers assessed existing assets to determine how to most cost effectively deliver restored and reimagined playgrounds to the children of Philadelphia. They used their expertise in children's play to deliver playgrounds that are developmentally challenging for the K-6 set.

At Fitzpatrick Park, new play equipment includes opportunities for kids to hang, swing, jump, spin, and climb using both gross and fine motor skills.

There are also opportunities to get wet! This is a huge health and safety benefit to Philadelphia families as they experience ever hotter summers and few places to cool down while having fun.

In addition to play value, the project delivered ecological benefits with new trees, shrubs and groundcovers providing shade and beauty to the park. Stormwater and sprayground water is passively used to irrigate plant beds. This allows it to slowly be cleansed and return to the aquifer helping to protect Philadelphia's streams, rivers and ultimately, drinking water.

**Location:** Philadelphia, PA  
**Client:** Philadelphia Dept. of Public Property  
**Size:** .5 acres  
**Cost:** \$170,000  
**Status:** Documented 2016