

MERCER SLOUGH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER - CASESTUDY



Cantilever Walk way to project into the wetlands without disturbing nature

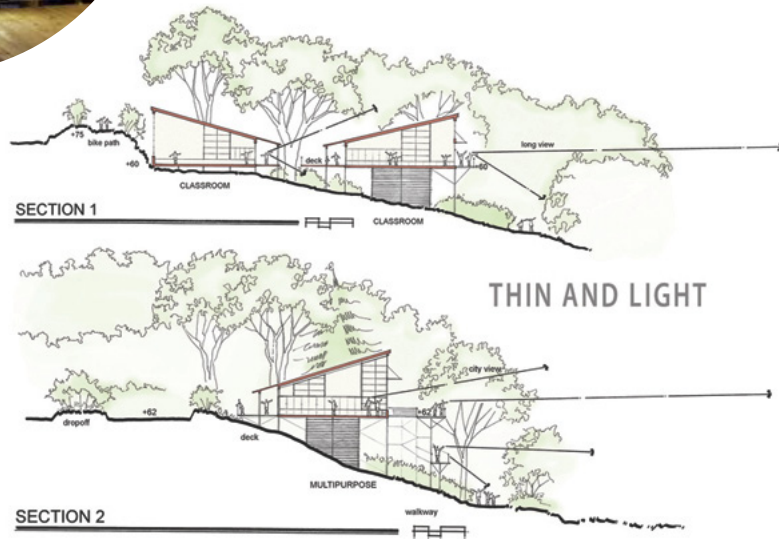
Treehouse like observation structures

Walk ways connect the 8 structures



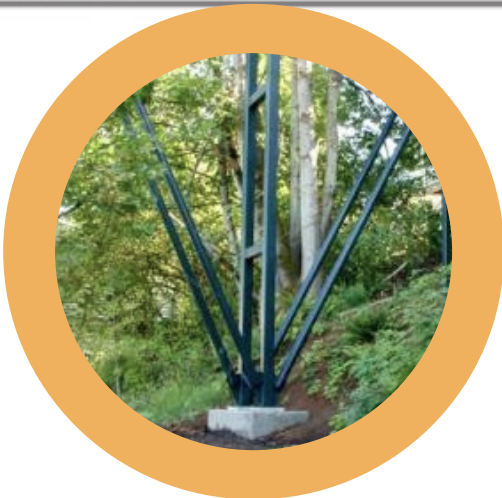
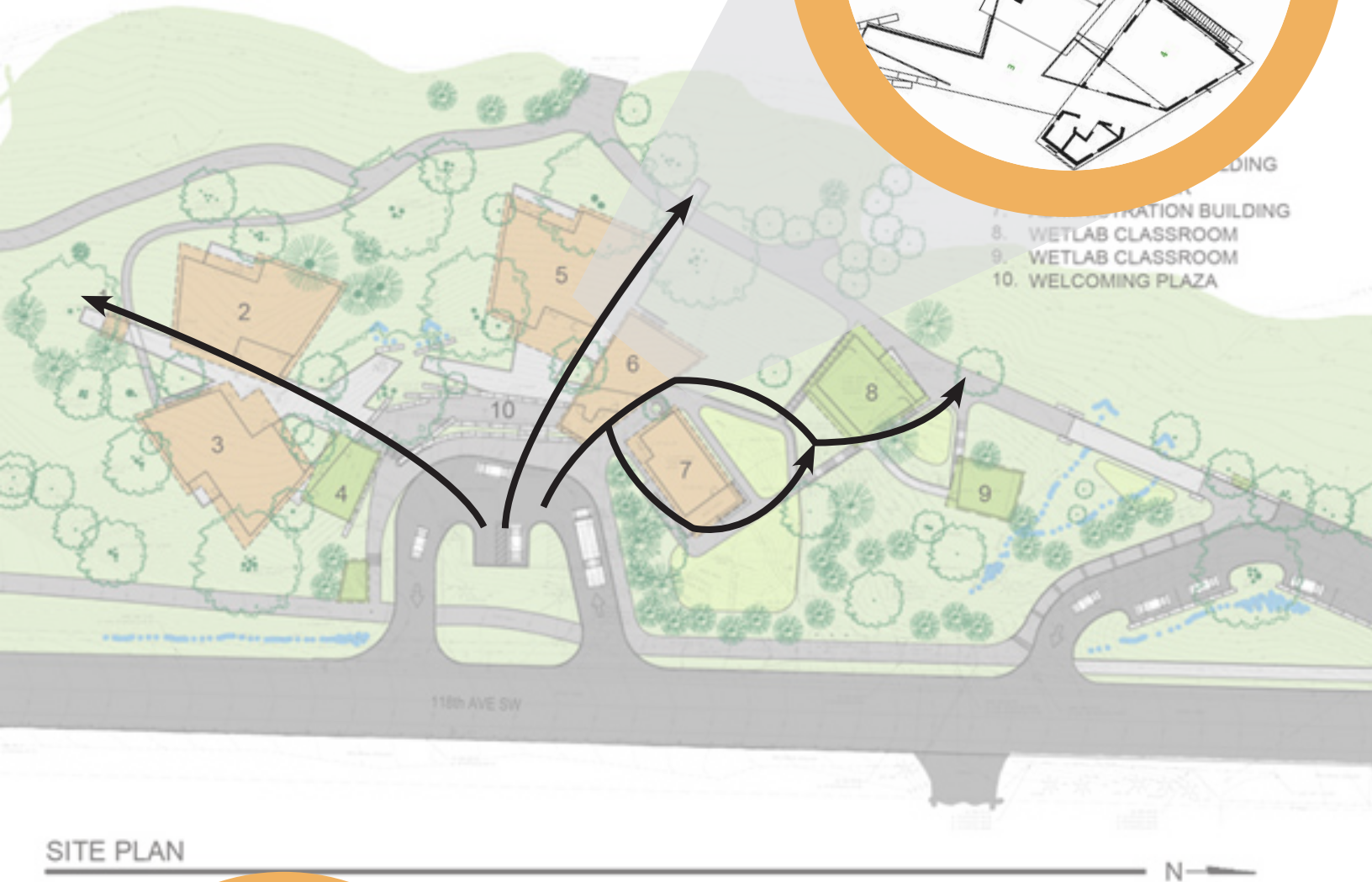
ABOUT THIS BUILDING

Architect: Jones & Jones
Location: Bellevue, Washington
Purpose: Environment education center to bring nature closer to the city
SQF: 9,500 (8 Individual structures)



AMMENITIES

- Classrooms
- Meeting Rooms
- Visitor's Center
- Overlook
- Multipurpose Room



CONSTRUCTION

Built on piers to minimize the impact on the wetlands. Also eliminated need to level site. Shapes of buildings determined by where trees are.

What Makes This Building Special?

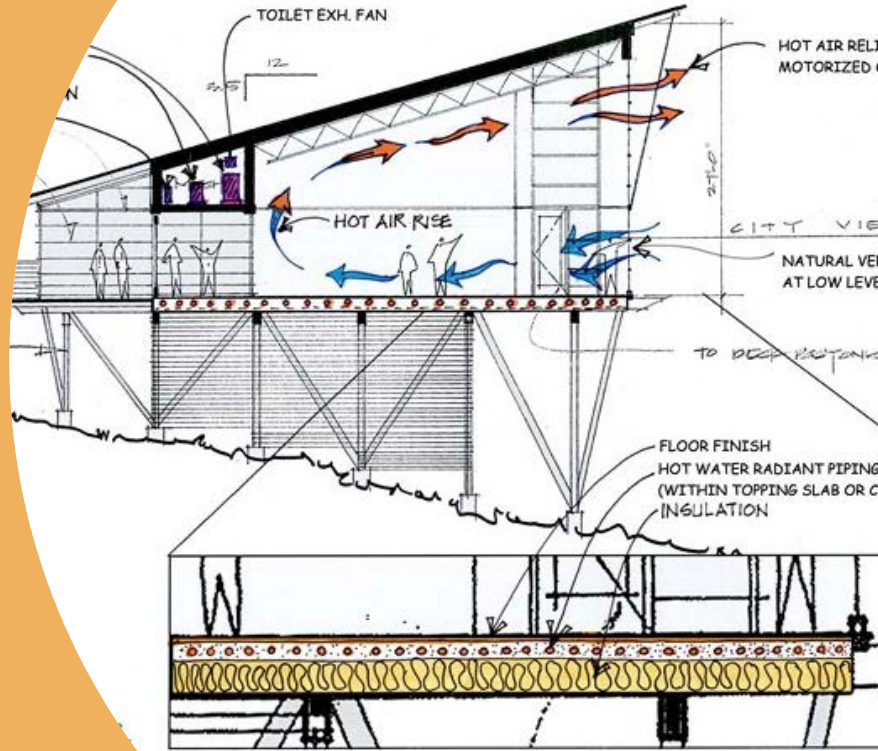
IN TOUCH WITH NATURE

No A/C, instead the shade of the trees is used and the building has a natural ventilation system (seen below)

Minimal impact on site due to construction and treehouse like quality.

LEED Building - Has won many awards

On site stormwater management



CHILD FRIENDLY

- Treehouse structure enables children to enjoy nature up close
- Individual buildings are connected with walk ways, which allow for lots of exploring
- Interesting look outs
- Classrooms to learn in