

Children's Discovery Center Research

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Part II



Craig Thomas Discovery & Visitor Center



Site & Location

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Waiting Area
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Exhibit
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Courtyard
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Offices / Storage
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Auditorium
- 8
Fireplace
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Circulation Space
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Restrooms

Public & Private Spaces

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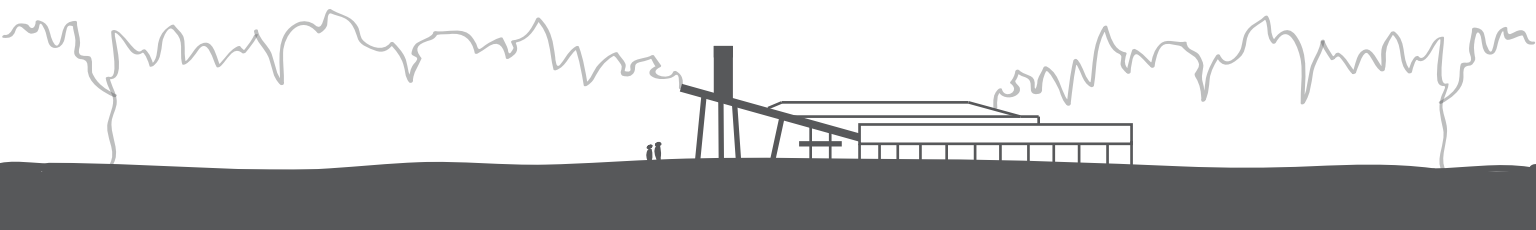
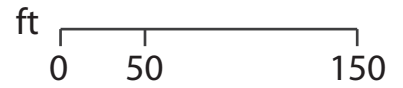
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South Elevation



North Elevation

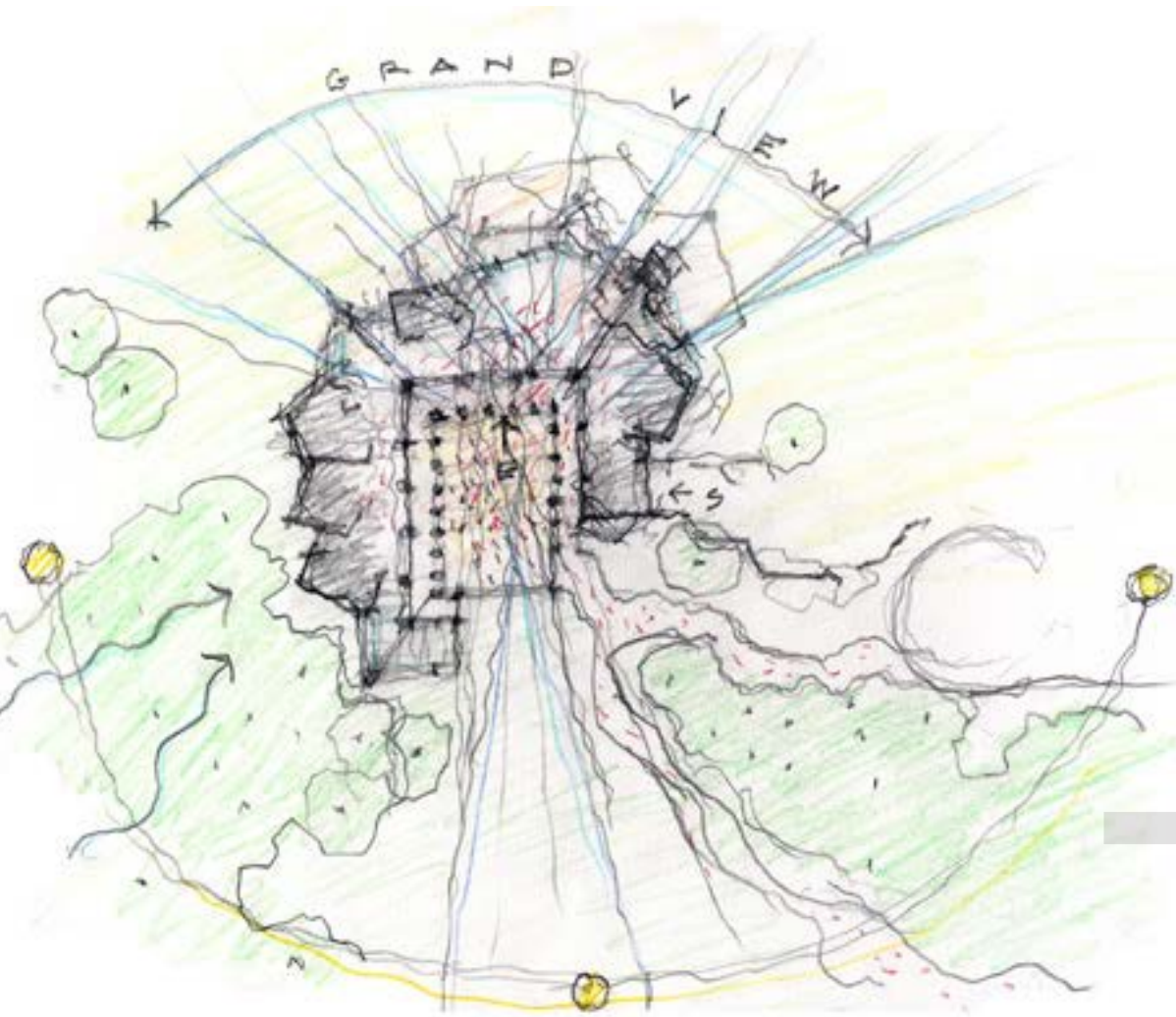


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Sustainability in Materials

Numerous sustainable building practices are incorporated into the building, including recycled glass tiles, carpet with post-consumer and post-industrial content, high efficiency cooling and electrical systems, natural lighting and paints with no harmful chemicals. All wood elements of the building, including logs and glulam timbers, are Forest Stewardship Council-certified and the concrete used in the building has a high percentage of fly ash in the aggregate.

The Discovery Center helps to promote and inform individuals about the negative impacts on our daily activities by introducing some exhibits.



Sunlight Pattern



Structural Diagram

sketches