# **READY! SET! ACTIVATE!**

## USING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY IN SOUTH PHOENIX

READY! SET! ACTIVATE! is a research-based schoolyard redesign proposal part of an ongoing collaboration between Arizona State University and Paideia Academy, a K-8 public charter school located in South Phoenix, Arizona. This a five-acre school property experiences persistent environmental justice issues endemic to the greater South Phoenix area, including flooding, excessive urban heat, and poor air quality. The vision of this redesign is to use green infrastructure at Paideia to create resilient natural learning and play landscapes that promote health equity by improving the quality and access of green space for the student community. Green infrastructure interventions, including the creation of bioswales and bioretention for stormwater along with the use of native vegetation, are critical in the mitigation of seasonal flooding and the improvement of environmental site conditions. Using Padeia's whole-person education paradigm to guide the goals of the project, the intent is to begin the conversation on how school landscapes can address the immediate health equity challenges of the site while creating a welcoming and healthful green space amenity for the community.

#### SURFACE TEMPERATURE



The schoolyard is exposed to elevated surface temperatures because of its urban location, near major roadways.

PAIDEIA'S WHOLE PERSON



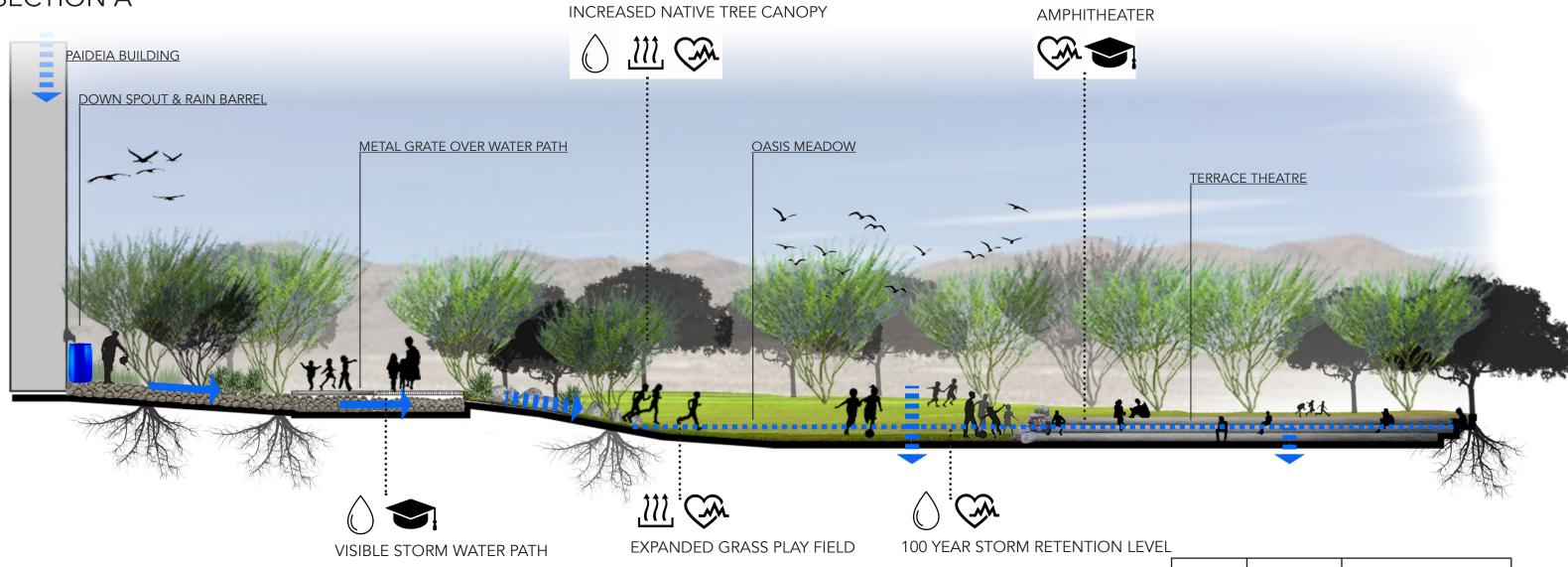
The schoolyard exhibits limited areas of vegetation and tree canopy.

### **DESIGN BENEFITS**

EDUCATIONAL PARADIGM	GOALS + OBJECTIVES		
MIND	<ul> <li>PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING</li> <li>Creation of outdoor learning environments.</li> <li>Study + exposure to native ecology.</li> <li>Gardening education.</li> </ul>	•••••	LOCALIZED LEARNING COMMUNITY EDUCATION
BODY	REDUCE URBAN HEAT Reduction of impervious paving. Increase tree + vegetation coverage.	••••	REDUCE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE
HEART	<ul> <li>ENHANCE HEALTH + WELLBEING</li> <li>Mitigate air + noise pollution.</li> <li>Spaces for community gathering + education.</li> <li>Natural play environment.</li> </ul>	•••••	IMPROVED AIR QUALITY IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH
Spirit	<ul> <li>CREATE A RESILIENT NATIVE LANDSCAPE</li> <li>Manage on-site storm water. Support native vegetation + schoolyard landscape. Conserve water resources.</li> </ul>	••••	IMPROVE WATER QUALITY REDUCE IRRIGATION NEEDS

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#### SECTION A



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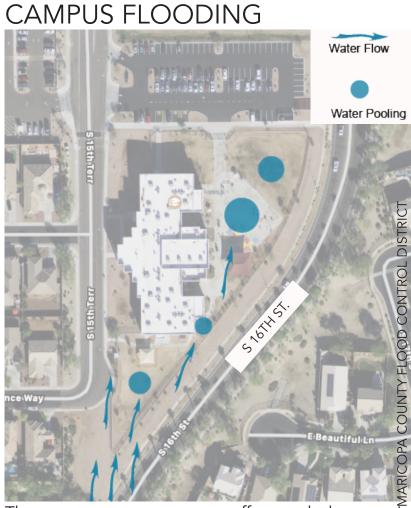
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#### **REGIONAL FLOODING**

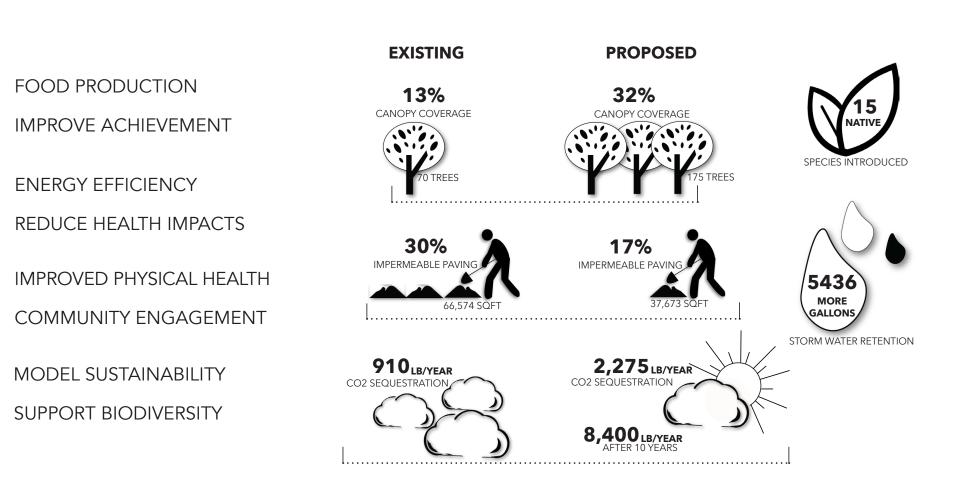


Heavy seasonal monsoon rains flows directly from South Mountain, north on 16th street, straight toward the schoolyard.

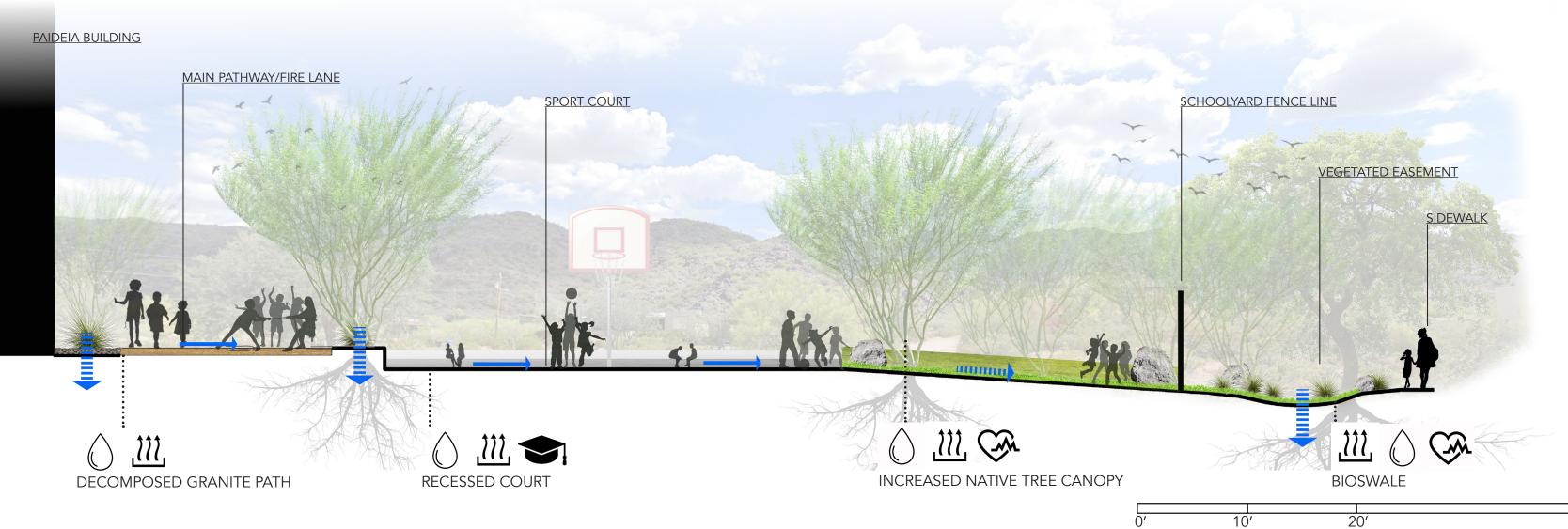


The monsoon stormwater runoff exceeds the capacity of roadside drainage and floods the schoolyard.

#### PERFORMANCE



#### SECTION B



PAIDEIA ACADEMY MASTER PLAN

