

# MILLER PARK PLAYGROUND

The City of Bloomington hired RATIO to create a new playground and sprayground in its historic Miller Park. Adjacent to the Miller Park Zoo, the landscape architecture design team incorporated a rainforest theme throughout the park space, providing a seamless transition between the two community amenities.

Using narrative architecture as their guide, the design team created a colored concrete walkway, reminiscent of a python snake, as the park's primary organizational element. Taking the story a step further, the concrete snake appears to have escaped from the zoo, heading toward an ancient oak for shelter. The rainforest theme is further underscored with a bamboo retaining wall, themed signage and playground and sprayground equipment. A small comfort station provides restroom and shelter facilities.



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COSTS: **\$1,100,000**

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