

# alpine tot lot

**project**

Alpine Tot Lot

**neighborhood**

Central Northside

**grant amount**

\$3,000

**grant year**

2002

**community organization**

Central Northside Neighborhood Council

**architect**

Klavon Design Associates

**project type**

public open space



In late summer of 2002, a committee of residents under the auspices of the Central Northside Neighborhood Council (CNNC) organized to raise money to rebuild a neighborhood playground. The site, which had previously housed another playground, had been left vacant and become a source of crime and vandalism. The project plan was to increase the site's multigenerational resident use in order to decrease illegal activities, transforming it from a neighborhood blight into a community focal point. The CNNC and its project committee approached the CDCP seeking consultant assistance to explore possible improvements for the site, as a means of encouraging community reinvestment.

The CDCP awarded the CNNC a grant of \$3,000 to fund renderings and planting schemes. CNNC retained Klavon Design Associates, who provided full landscape architectural services.

The Alpine Tot Lot was constructed on July 31, 2003, on a day-long effort by more than 150 volunteers that included area residents, employees of local businesses, and volunteers from other nonprofits through a partnership with KaBoom!. The site also received a Community Mural, financed by the Sprout Fund.

The Alpine Tot Lot does and will continue to present opportunities for local students to participate in service-learning classes. The site will also host art by community children and create other occasions for the neighborhood's youth to take active ownership of the park.



Central Northside neighborhood children volunteering during build day.



Volunteers on the scene.



Alpine Tot Lot, constructed and in use.