Space to Grow is a Chicago-based initiative working with many of the city’s low-income communities of color to transform underutilized schoolyards into inspired playgrounds for students and vital outdoor places for the whole neighborhood to get together and reconnect with nature. Our green schoolyards replace expanses of asphalt with landscaping that absorbs rainwater, helping to address neighborhood flooding issues.

**WHAT IT IS**

**TRANSFORMING UNDERUTILIZED SCHOOLYARDS**

Space to Grow aims to expand its reach in Chicago, and it serves as a model for green schoolyards across the nation, benefiting kids, neighborhoods, and the environment.

**WHAT WE DO**

**CREATING NEIGHBORHOOD HUBS**

We engage the entire school community, including neighborhood residents, to create a schoolyard that meets many needs and serves as a source of neighborhood pride.

**WHY IT MATTERS**

**IMPROVING CHILDREN’S HEALTH & WELLNESS**

Green schoolyards provide an opportunity for kids to learn and grow outdoors, and for schools to support student health and physical activity.

**HOW WE DO IT**

**FORGING INNOVATIVE ALLIANCES**

Our dynamic partnership is building green schoolyards throughout Chicago.

**PARTNERS**

- Chicago Public Schools
- City of Chicago Department of Water Management
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
- Healthy Schools Campaign
- Openlands
- Additional Partners and Supporters

**WHAT’S NEXT**

**EXPANDING IN CHICAGO AND BEYOND**

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