



LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM MOVES TO NEW ORLEANS CITY PARK 2018

PROJECT FACT SHEET

The Louisiana Children's Museum (LCM) is embarking on an exciting time in its 30-year history as it takes the play and learning outside with a move from its New Orleans Warehouse District location to a new location in New Orleans City Park. While the museum currently delivers dozens of educational programs, the new location is specifically designed to be a social, cultural and early childhood learning resource focusing on literacy, environmental education, health and wellness, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and arts and culture.

About the Project

- The official groundbreaking will take place in 2017 with an expected completion in late 2018
- Financials: \$45.5M total project cost, with all commitments currently in place including private donations, federal grants and support from the State of Louisiana.
- Architects: [Mithūn](#) (lead) and [Waggoner & Ball](#) (local)
- Exhibit design: [Gyroscope, Inc.](#)
- The Louisiana Children's Museum site will encompass eight and one-half acres on a lagoon. The LEED certified building itself will sit on less than one acre
- Upon opening in 2018, more than 225,000 visitors per year are expected. Children and adults will learn through hands-on exploratory experiences that come to life in five dynamic exhibit galleries featuring more than 30 new exhibits and numerous outdoor learning environments

Greenest Project in City Park's History

- While LCM's current home in the historic Warehouse District has been much loved and appreciated by generations of area residents and visitors, the City Park campus will be radically different, with a contemporary design, filled with light and glass that take full advantage of the natural park setting
- In addition to the exhibits, meeting rooms and common areas for which LCM is known, the new site will have indoor and outdoor environmental elements, including water and land features, children's gardens and more
- With the goal of providing the healthiest environment for children and families to grow and learn, LCM will be the first LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified building in City Park with sustainable systems designed to be visible, engaging and playful. The anticipated designation is LEED Silver
- The park's majestic oak trees will be preserved and protected during construction; more than 125 new trees will be added for families to find shade, animals to nest and children to explore
- The lagoon will be restored to include freshwater and brackish wetland environments; a 15,000-gallon cistern will collect rainwater from the roof to create an interactive runnel where children can jump and splash

New Museum Exhibits and Centers

- The new campus will include five new exhibit galleries indoors as well as a literacy center, a parent/teacher resource center, an edible garden, a sensory garden, and full-service café
- Other new museum additions will include a life-sized interactive chess board to learn about New Orleans history, an experiential outdoor exhibit on the lagoon's edge connected to the wetland environment with a floating classroom and a Mighty Mississippi exhibit which tells the story of the journey of the River from its headwaters in Minnesota through Dubuque and Memphis all the way to the Port of New Orleans and Gulf of Mexico
- Heirloom exhibits, such as the grocery store and bubbles, will be reestablished and re-imagined in the new space
- Future plans within the campus include a nature center and model childcare center

Project Partners

- On-site partners include: Tulane Pediatrics, Tulane Institute of Early Childhood and Mental Health, LSU AgCenter, Grow Dat Youth Farm and Liberty's Kitchen

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