28. Playgound - Multi-Age Play

**Definition**
A facility with play features to support a range of activities for tots, children and teens.

2,500 square feet minimum; 10 activities

**Possible Activities**
- All ages: climbing, swinging, spinning, sliding, balancing, jumping, hanging, creative play, crawling, hiding, rocking, rolling, bouncing, digging, sand and water play.
- Toddlers: (2-5): ground based sensory play, swinging, see Facility #24.
- Older only (5-12): athletic/exercise equipment or some adventure activity.

All facilities must include climbing and sliding activities.

**Location**
- Smaller facilities may be integrated into a residential development or a local public park.
- Larger facilities should be accessibly located within a central business district.

**Setbacks**
- Age 2-5: 30 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.
- Age 5-12: 50 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.

Setbacks may be reduced in multi-family communities provided that other measures such as landscaping and fencing are used as necessary to achieve compatibility with adjacent uses.

**Design Criteria**
- Provide shade trees and plantings as needed to screen the area.
- Provide adjacent seating area and trash receptacles.
- Comply with government agency requirements for playground design and safety.

**Resources**
- United States Consumer Protection Safety Commission National Program for Playground Safety
  - http://playgroundsafty.org/standards/cpsc
- Design and construction of playgrounds must conform to the requirements of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.

**Supply Values**

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Playground - Multi-age Examples

From top:
Playground, Fuji Hakone Izu National Park, Fujinomiya, Japan

Playground, climbing structures and slides, National Arboretum, Canberra, Australia

Bronze sculptural playscape, Silver Towers Playground, New York, NY Artist Tom Ottern