



APTUS

Teaching Landscape



Aptus Teaching Landscape was founded by Aptus Treatment Centre, a not-for-profit providing people who have developmental disabilities meaningful opportunities in the community to explore what matters to them. For more information, please visit www.aptustc.com.

Join Us

Aptus Teaching Landscape

111 Anthony Road
Toronto, ON M3K 1B7
(south-west of Dufferin and Wilson).

The Landscape is found behind the school, connecting to Mossie Park.

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Take the 96, 165 or 120 bus on Wilson to Northgate stop. Walk 2 blocks south to Anthony Road. Walk half a block west to Aptus parking lot.

Parking available

Learn More

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Enhanced learning greenspace for people with developmental disabilities and the greater community

The Aptus Teaching Landscape is an enhanced learning green space offering a nature-focused educational environment and activity hub for students with developmental disabilities and the greater Toronto community. Aptus Teaching Landscape is located behind Aptus' school program. The Landscape includes a heated greenhouse, orchard, edible garden and mini-arboretum, connecting to the Mossie Park splashpad and playground.

This project demonstrates how public, private and non-profit partners can work together to place parks at the heart of communities. Key partners and supporters include The Weston Family Parks Challenge, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Aptus Charity Golf Classic, the Zachary Van Zant Memorial Fund, Friends of Mossie Park and Councillor Augimeri.

Landscape programs

Saturday Community Drop-in — Saturdays, 10:00 - 3:00

Everyone is welcome to stop by and lend a hand or just to visit and enjoy the Landscape! Tasks vary according to the season. Suitable for all ages and abilities.

Group Visits

Community groups, school classes, senior groups, after-school programs and other groups can book a special visit. Visits can be modified to the needs of the group, for example, curriculum-based lessons. To discuss or arrange a visit, phone or text 416-407-5062.

Youth Volunteer Hours

Students can earn volunteer hours on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please call or text 416-407-5062 to arrange volunteer time outside of Saturdays.

Urban Agriculture Vocational Certificate

Students of all abilities can learn work skills to work in urban agriculture. Please call or text 416-407-5062 to discuss scheduling and registration.



The Aptus Teaching Landscape is a model for sustainable urban agriculture and community building designed for success over the long-term. Our goal was to create a hub; a place to learn new skills, share ideas and engage new people. The Landscape offers environments that are beneficial to all people and encourages inclusion for all community members. The site's ecological value has been enhanced while providing the tools for everyone to gain an improved understanding of environmental stewardship and food production.

SENSORY FOREST GARDEN

An immersive learning environment encouraging stewardship and inquiry-based, experiential learning. The introduced forest ecosystem also provides habitat for birds, insects and other animals.

MINI ARBORETUM

Canopy trees have been planted to increase tree diversity and provide much needed shade.

PLAYGROUND

Includes a swing set in memory of Zachary Van Zant, a 21-year old student whose love of nature will always be remembered.

URBAN ORCHARD

The orchard includes a berry patch and apple, cherry and Asian pear trees.

POLLINATOR GARDEN

The garden increases plant diversity and habitat for beneficial insects, like bees.

HEATED GREENHOUSE

A four season growing and learning space that includes an accessible classroom, washroom and 60-square metres of growing space.

VEGETABLE GARDENS

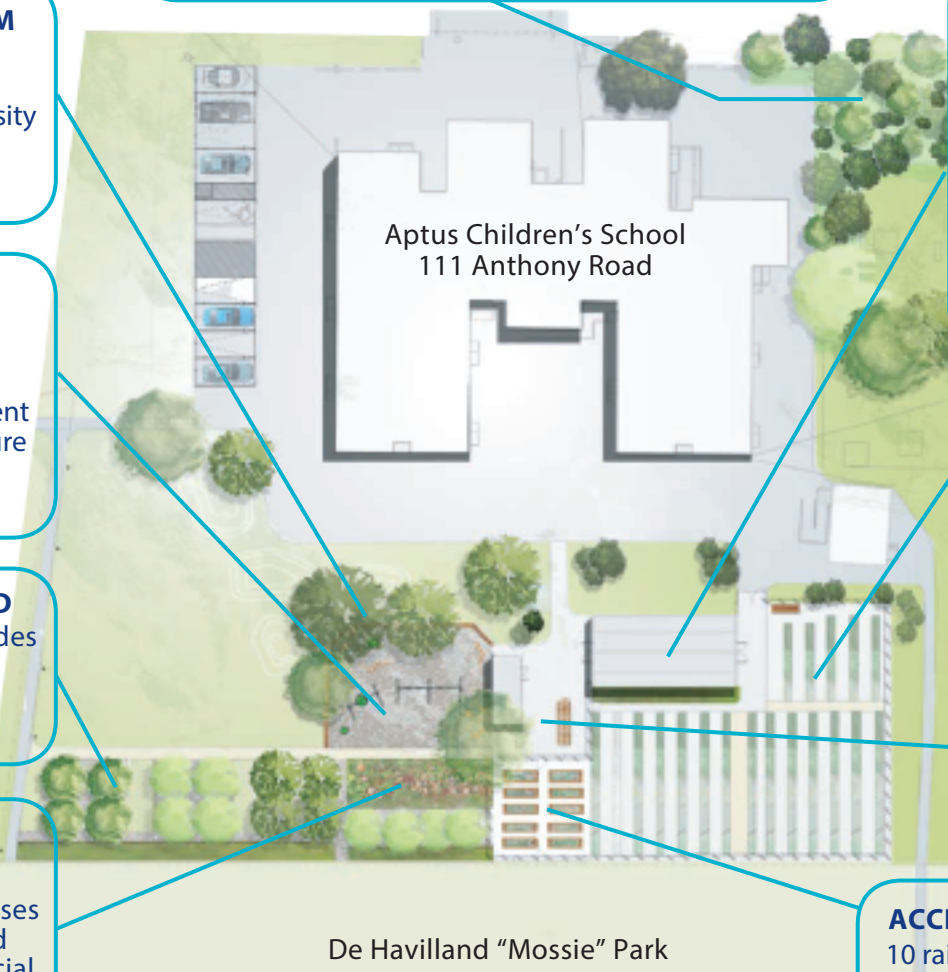
Over 900-square metres of organic food production.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

A covered teaching space and community gathering area.

ACCESSIBLE PLANTERS

10 raised accessible planters for growing.



The Weston Family Parks Challenge is an initiative of the W. Garfield Weston Foundation.

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