

MAKE IT:

Cities need plenty of places outdoors for people to gather and relax in the fresh air. A landscape architect made this public space, the **Blake Hobbs Play-Za, in New York City**. It's a **plaza where you can play**. It's in East Harlem, surrounded by streets with a lot of schools and housing. It used to be about a half acre of asphalt, and it didn't get a lot of visitors. The landscape architect brought in **colorful pavement, equipment to play on, and water to play in**.

MADE BY COMMUNITY

People in the neighborhood took part in the process of deciding what the old park would turn into. The outer edges of the park have been redesigned to welcome in neighbors from three sides.

PLATFORM

A big wooden platform stretches out beneath the trees, giving people a stage to hold a band or just a place to relax and listen to the trees overhead in the wind.

BIG BEAUTIFUL TREES

Several sycamore trees tower over the site, bringing shade and color to the Play-Za. Sycamores are tough, and can thrive in almost any city setting.

BEFORE



Blake Hobbs Play-za, New York, NY
SCAPE Landscape Architecture

