



cape cod children's place
a place where children and families learn and grow.

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Dear Orleans Community Preservation Committee,

The Cape Cod Children's Place enthusiastically supports the proposed renovation plans for the Orleans Eldredge Park Playground! At the heart of Orleans this very popular family destination, for locals and vacationers alike, provides a safe place for families to gather and play - which is essential to healthy learning, growth and development of children. The Cape Cod Children's Place has a long history of gathering there with families for our Playgroups, so we have first hand observations of how this space is utilized by large groups of families with their young children.

Over the past decade, you have made some wonderful improvements by adding shade structures (over the sandbox and picnic areas), planting shade trees and installing irrigation to keep the grass soft and green. The proposed track for children to ride their scooters and toys will be an excellent and much needed addition to the playspace. Hydration stations will be excellent as would be a spigot offering the opportunity to hook up a hose and a sprinkler for children to run through on hot summer days. Of course, safe enclosure fencing is essential as well as ample, well organized parking. We are grateful for your work!

Thank you for being a destination for families to learn and grow.

Best regards,

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