



# MATSUNAMI MOUNTAIN

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# MATSUNAMI PARK

## A PLACE FOR PLAY



Play is a community building activity, and also a means for kids to be kids, drawing them away from the wake of the tsunami, while providing a social and developmentally engaging place to retreat. When children are happily occupied, the family can return to a sense of normalcy. As families refind their places within the community, redevelopment efforts have the potential to be strengthened and neighborly interactions will result. By providing this gathering space for locals of all ages, Ishinomaki can once again embody the spirit of collaboration that Japan is so persistently known for.





## A METAPHOR OF FORM

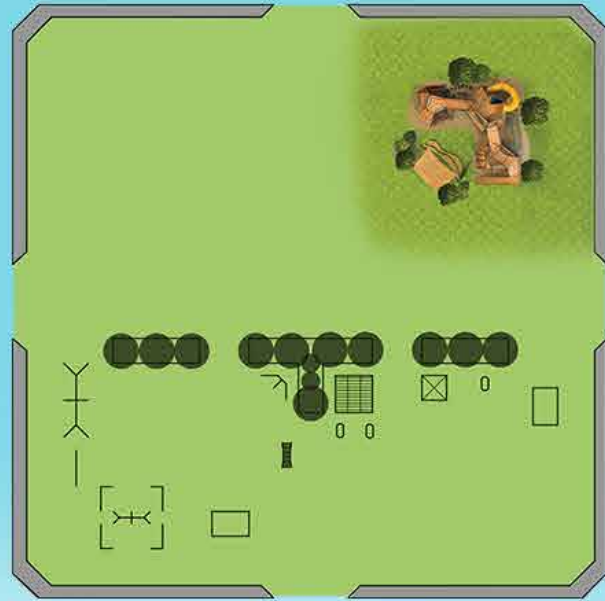
The mountain motif is not only representative of traditional Japanese gardens and folklore, but also of the legend of survival and perseverance exhibited by Japan on March 11, 2011. Through this addition in Matsunami Park, the story of refuge and ascension is embodied and preserved to inspire hope for generations to come.





## OVERVIEW

The Matsunami Mountain park design consists of three mountain play structures that encourage users to create their own path and scale their way to the top. The design also includes a sheltered garden area for adults, so that they may enjoy the view of the park and keep an eye on their children from a cool and relaxing space.





## ELEVATION

The Matsunami Mountain park contains topographical design elements that echo the thought and feeling of a ripple in the surface of a body of water.





## TUBE SLIDE

The element of exploration and discovery is evident in a series of play elements designed to provide varying levels of challenge. .



LARGE MOUNTAIN



TIRE PATH



NOODLE BARS



MONKEY BARS



MEDIUM MOUNTAIN



CHILL NETS



CLIMBING ROPES



ROCK WALL



SMALL MOUNTAIN



MESH NETS



CRAZY ROPES



## CREATE YOUR OWN PATH

Ascension is the driving theme of this interactive space, challenging participants to determine their own unique path through a multitude of routes to “higher ground”.





## SHADED SEATING

A shaded seating area is provided to create a comfortable space for parents to observe their children. In addition, this centralized area may allow adults to interact and socialize, strengthening the relationships and therefore community of Ishinomaki.





CHOSEN MATERIALS



PEA GRAVEL



STONE



CONCRETE



CEDAR



STEEL



ROPE



TIRES



POLYPROPYLENE



# CHOSEN FLORA

This simple mix of low maintenance plants provides seasonal interest throughout the park.



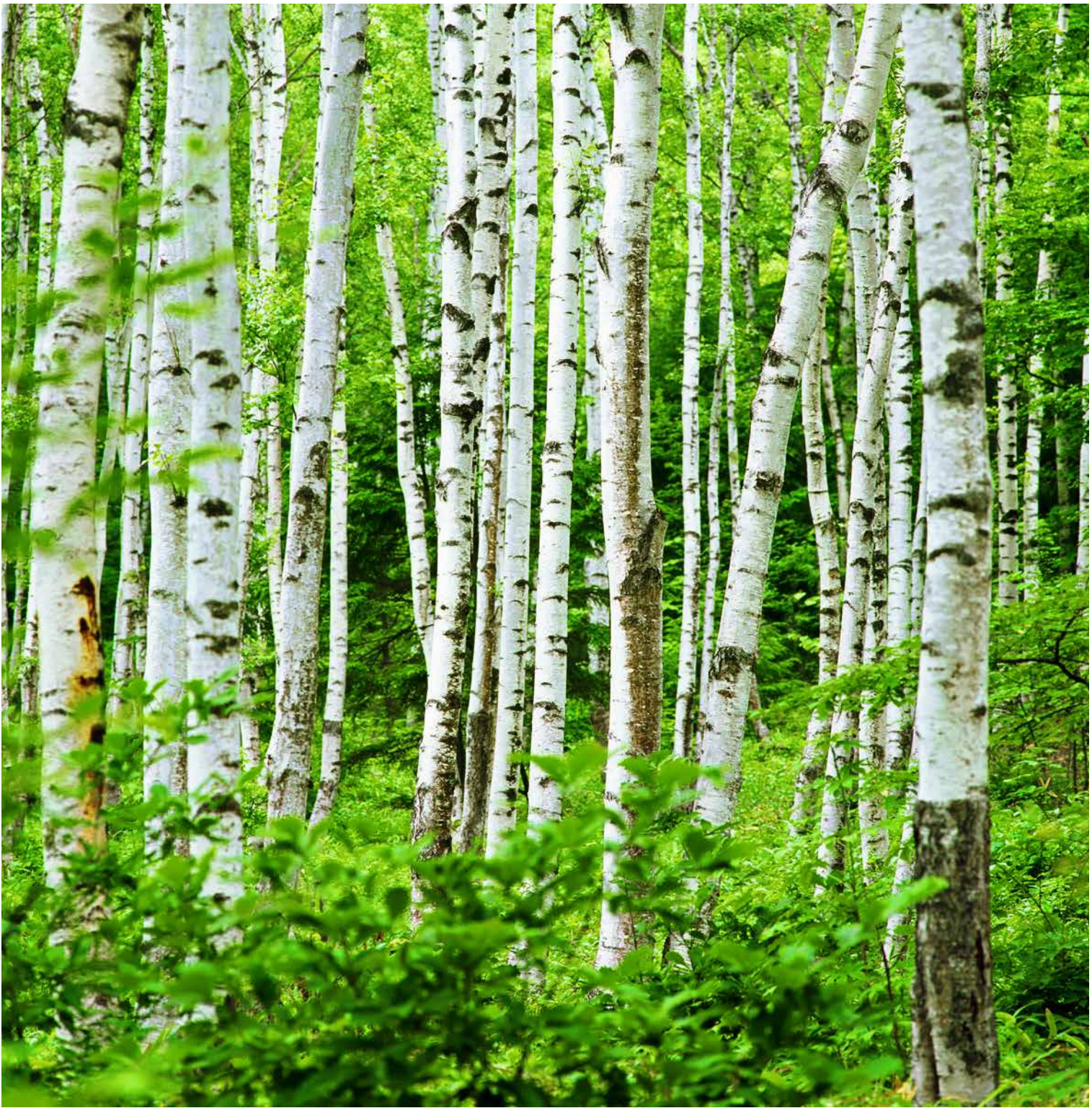
GRASS



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DWARF JUNIPER



JAPANESE WHITE BIRCH



## THE GIFT OF PLAY

Matsunami mountain will remain a long-standing monument to the friendship between the United States and Japan. It will stand as a gift that is dedicated to the members of Ishinomaki with the intention of aiding them in the rebuilding effort by providing a place for the community to reconnect and rebuild relationships, and as a gift of play to the children of Ishinomaki.

