Case Study: Learning Gardens as Outdoor Educational Spaces

Existing Site Considerations:

- Look for existing benches, tables and other seats. Are these movable? Consider moving your chairs and desks outdoors.

- Identify the areas adjacent to the garden. Can you form clusters of seating in and around the garden?

- Cluster seating around trees. Use gym mats or classroom chairs to sit on.

- Look for ways to hang a tarp, shade sail, or other umbrella to protect from the sun and heat. Additional shade sails could be hung from your Learning Garden shade structure.

Climate Constraints

- Limit outdoor classroom use to warmer months (August-November depending on location)

- Consider having students bring extra layers of clothing and having extra clothing in classroom for cooler days.