



## Latin American Community Center



The Latin American Community Center (LACC) is Delaware's premier multi-service agency serving the state's Hispanic community. For over 50 years, the LACC has served as a vital community anchor and a beacon of hope for many Latinos, touching the lives of over 25,000 people annually and directly serving 7,000 individuals with programs supporting youth educational achievement, family self-sufficiency, workforce training, prevention and advocacy.

### After-School and Summer Programs

LACC's Before and After School Program is a top-rated (Delaware Stars Level 5) program in **Wilmington's Hilltop neighborhood** providing low-income students with enrichment and academic supports to promote achievement and personal development. From June until August, LACC also runs a summer day camp for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. **LACC does not have a suitable outdoor place for the 200+ students we serve every day to play outside.**



LACC will build a playground in the **vacant lot** where our students now play.

### Outdoor Playground Project

LACC's **Outdoor Playground** is an **\$695,000 investment in outdoor play infrastructure** for the primarily low-income Hispanic youth engaged in LACC's after-school and summer programs. The project will promote exercise, fun, and healthy lifestyles among children with few options for outdoor play.



Proposed Outdoor Playground at 4th and Harrison

#### Project Summary:

LACC's Outdoor Playground is an **\$695,000 outdoor play space for 200+ youth ages 5-18.**

#### Readiness to Proceed

**Site control:** Complete

**Expected completion date:** Dec. 2023

LACC has raised \$100,000 through a multi-faceted capital campaign. To complete the project, **LACC is seeking an ARPA investment of \$595,000.**

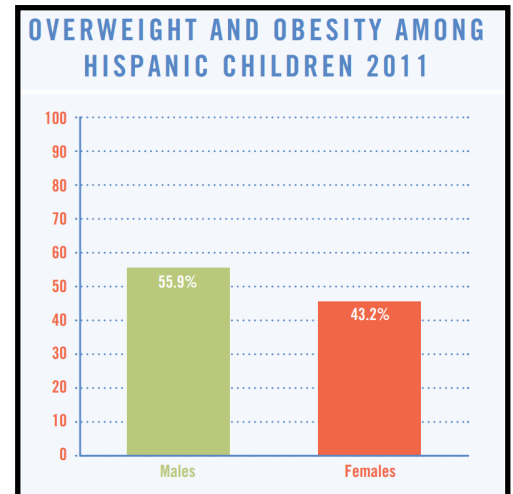




Students in LACC's after-school program

## Why Exercise and Outdoor Play Is Important:

Most LACC students live in dense urban neighborhoods with no access to safe spaces to play outdoors. There is a correlation between lack of physical activity and overweight and obesity. Hispanic children have the highest rates of obesity in Delaware. A sedentary lifestyle is also a risk factor for chronic diseases and more severe COVID-19 outcomes. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) states that "neighborhoods people live in have a major impact on their health and well-being." The CDC identifies "neighborhoods and built environment" as one of five key social determinants of health and includes "creating neighborhoods and environments that promote health and safety" as a top goal.



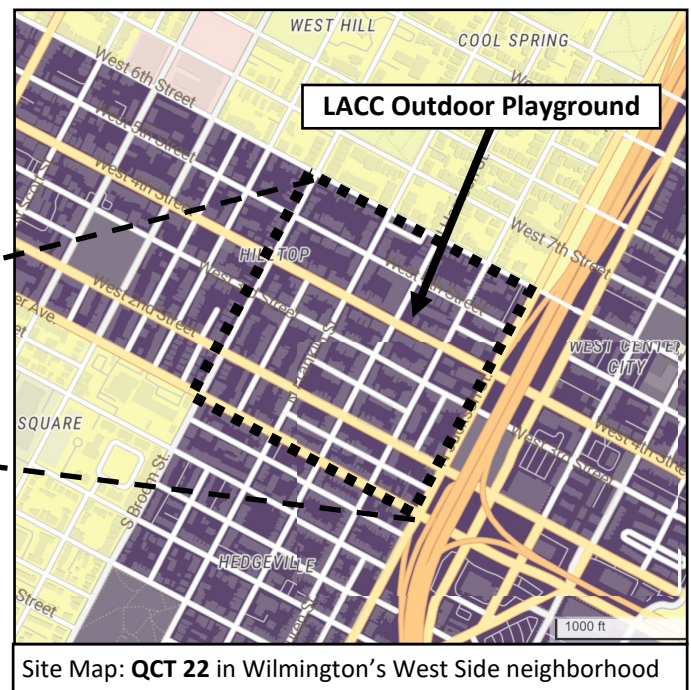
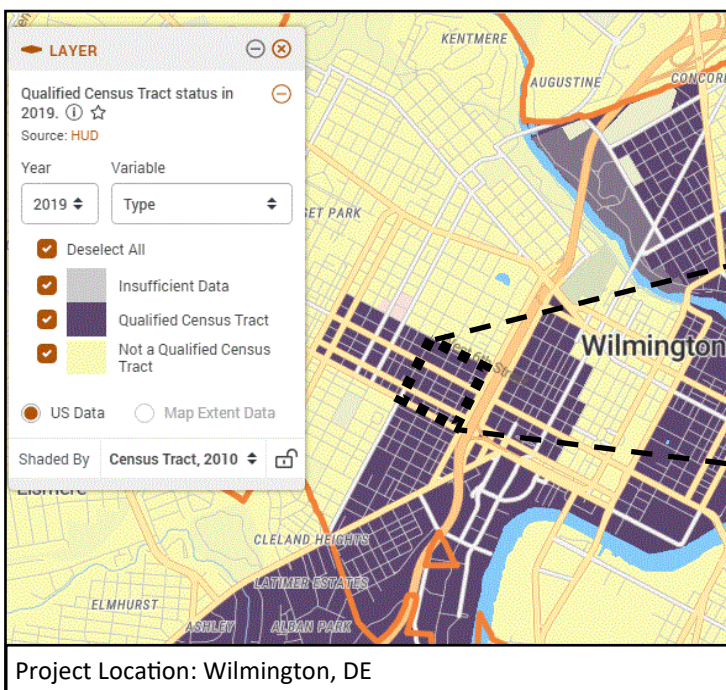
Source: Delaware Survey of Children's Health

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Eligible Use

LACC's Outdoor Playground will be built at the corner of W. 4th St. and N. Harrison St. in Census Tract 22, which is a **Qualified Census Tract (QCT)** located in the Hilltop neighborhood in Wilmington's West Side. LACC's Outdoor Playground meets the following **eligible use under Treasury's Final Rule** for ARPA funds:

- **Developing neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes**, such as parks, green spaces, and recreational facilities in disproportionately impacted communities.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Department of the Treasury Final Rule, p. 132



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<b>PROJECT BUDGET</b>	
<b>Hard Costs</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	
Site Demolition/Grading	\$ 192,053
Playground Equipment	\$ 180,681
Playground Surfacing	\$ 127,590
General Conditions	\$ 20,013
Estimated Reimbursable Labor (Office and Field)	\$ 36,424
Estimated Contractor's Fee	\$ 27,838
Building Permit	\$ 12,217
Contingency (10%)	\$ 58,460
<b>Subtotal Hard Costs</b>	<b>\$ 655,276</b>
<b>Soft Costs</b>	
Architectural and Engineering Services	\$ 40,000
<b>Subtotal Soft Costs</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Total Uses Playground</b>	<b>\$695,276</b>