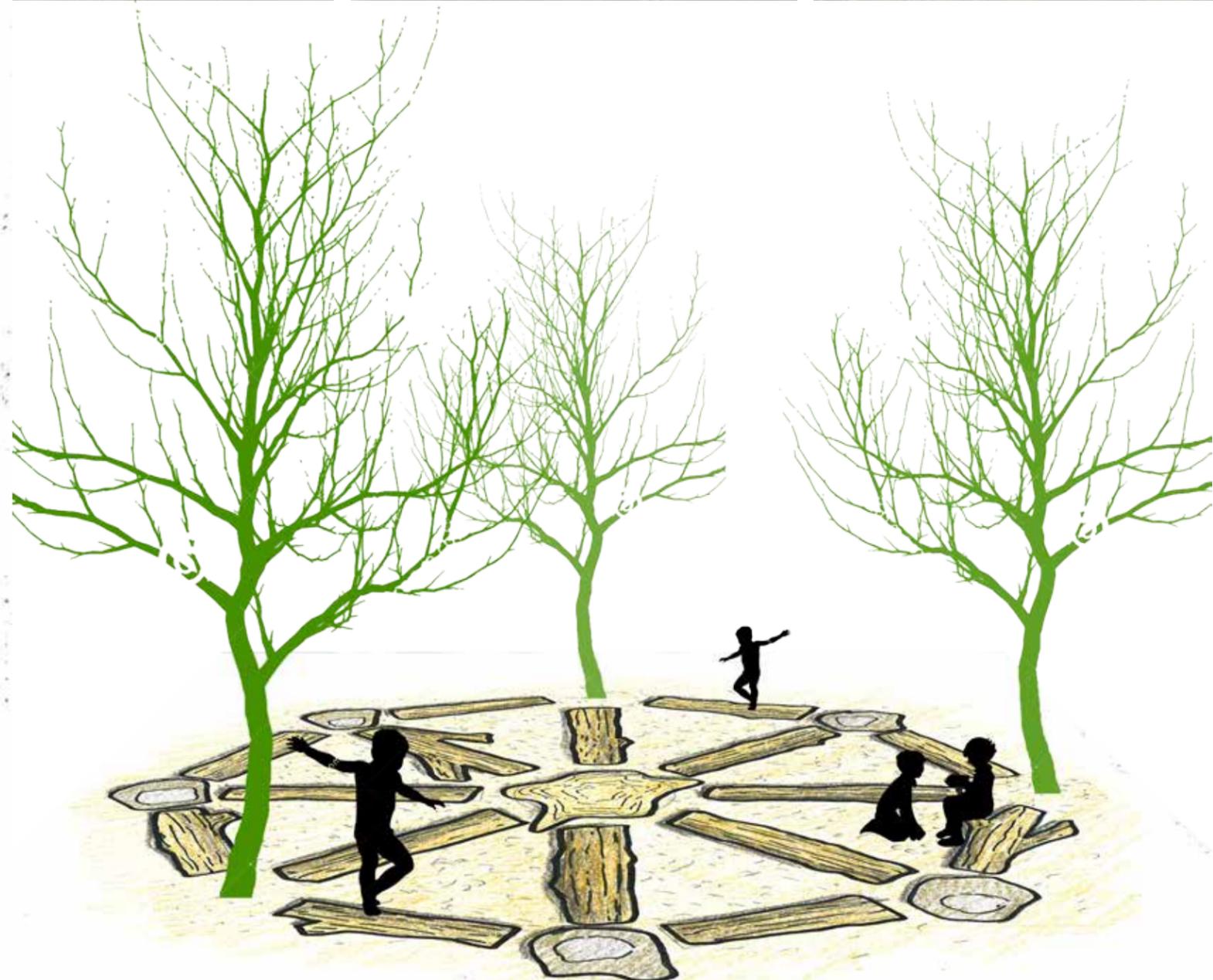
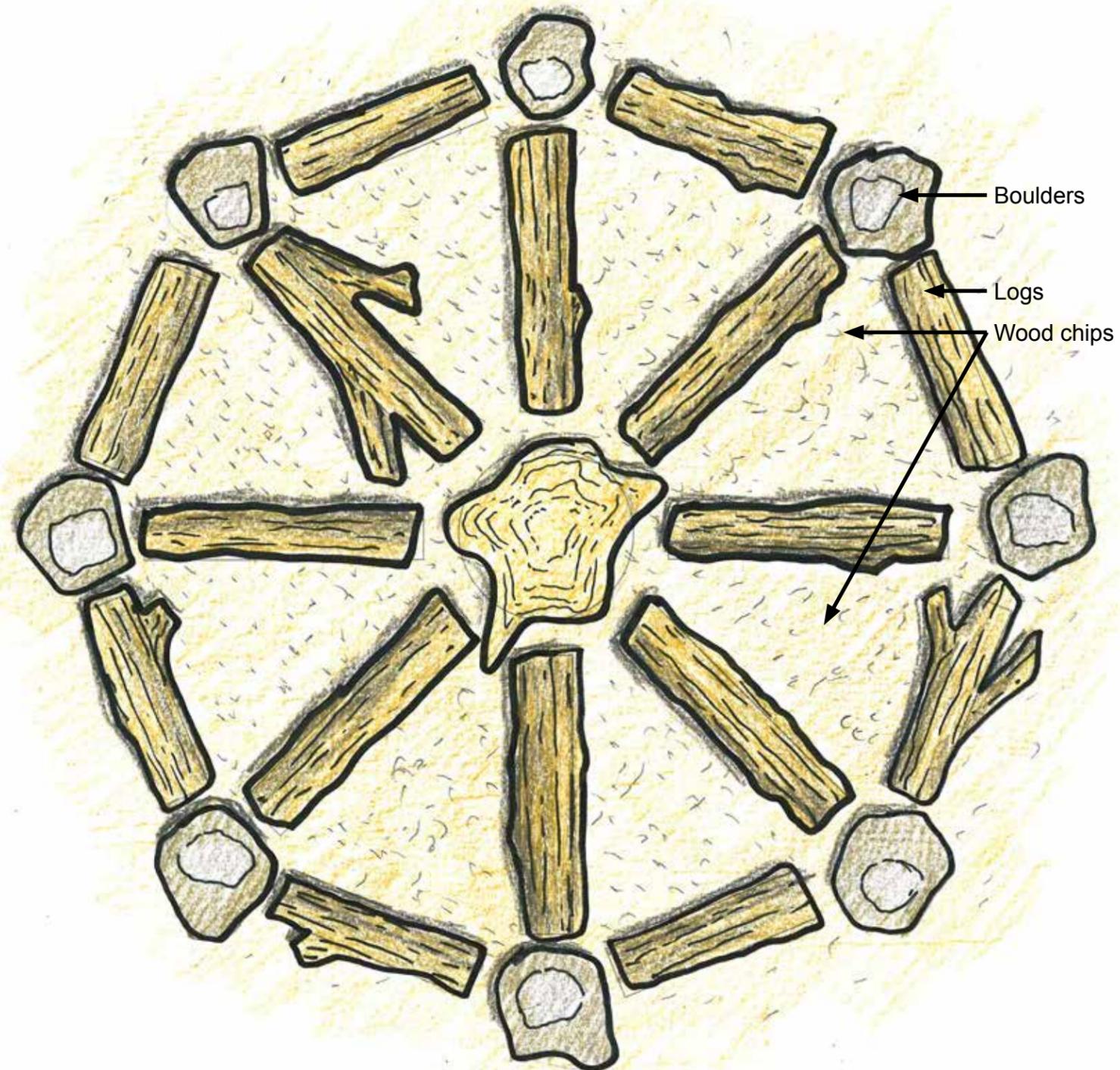


The "Hub" Spider Tree Memorial

The Spider Tree was the hub of the SAP Elementary playground. Central in its location, and visible from the entire landscape, it functioned both as a gathering node and informal play structure. A memorial to the tree should reflect these characteristics.

The "Hub" concept simply places salvaged logs from the Spider Tree in a 'spoke and wheel' arrangement around the remains (or location) of the tree base. The logs, each with unique character and form, provide a structure for climbing, balancing, and infinite other types of active and creative play. The arrangement also creates gathering spaces at a number of scales. Each section of the wheel could be used by a group of buddies while the entire space lends itself to the size of a class. Fieldstone boulders are placed at the intersection of logs to add textural and play variety.

Shown here in it's most simple and straight forward form the "Hub" concept could easily warp into more complex and interesting shapes. Logs and boulders could be overlapped/stacked and other natural materials could be introduced.



New trees could be incorporated into the framework