**Project**  
Gilpin Elementary School

**Client**  
Denver Public Schools

**Date Constructed**  
November 2004

**Budget**  
$592,270

**Design Intent**
The campus at Gilpin, designed as a learning landscape, draws from the action of wind: wind patterns inform the horizontal layout of concrete staining, the curvilinear walls, and the meandering paths; wind moves the site’s kinetic sculptures by artist Bob Pietruszewski; and supplies ornamental grasses sway, capturing the wind’s action.

This site was partially installed in concert with Volunteers of Colorado (VOC). GPD worked extensively with VOC, preparing technical drawings and plans, procuring plant materials, and directing volunteers during construction. The successful volunteer build day installed the site’s safety surfacing, plant materials, brick paving, and the concrete block retaining walls and planters.

The project scope included design development with an active school community, and concluded with project close-out.