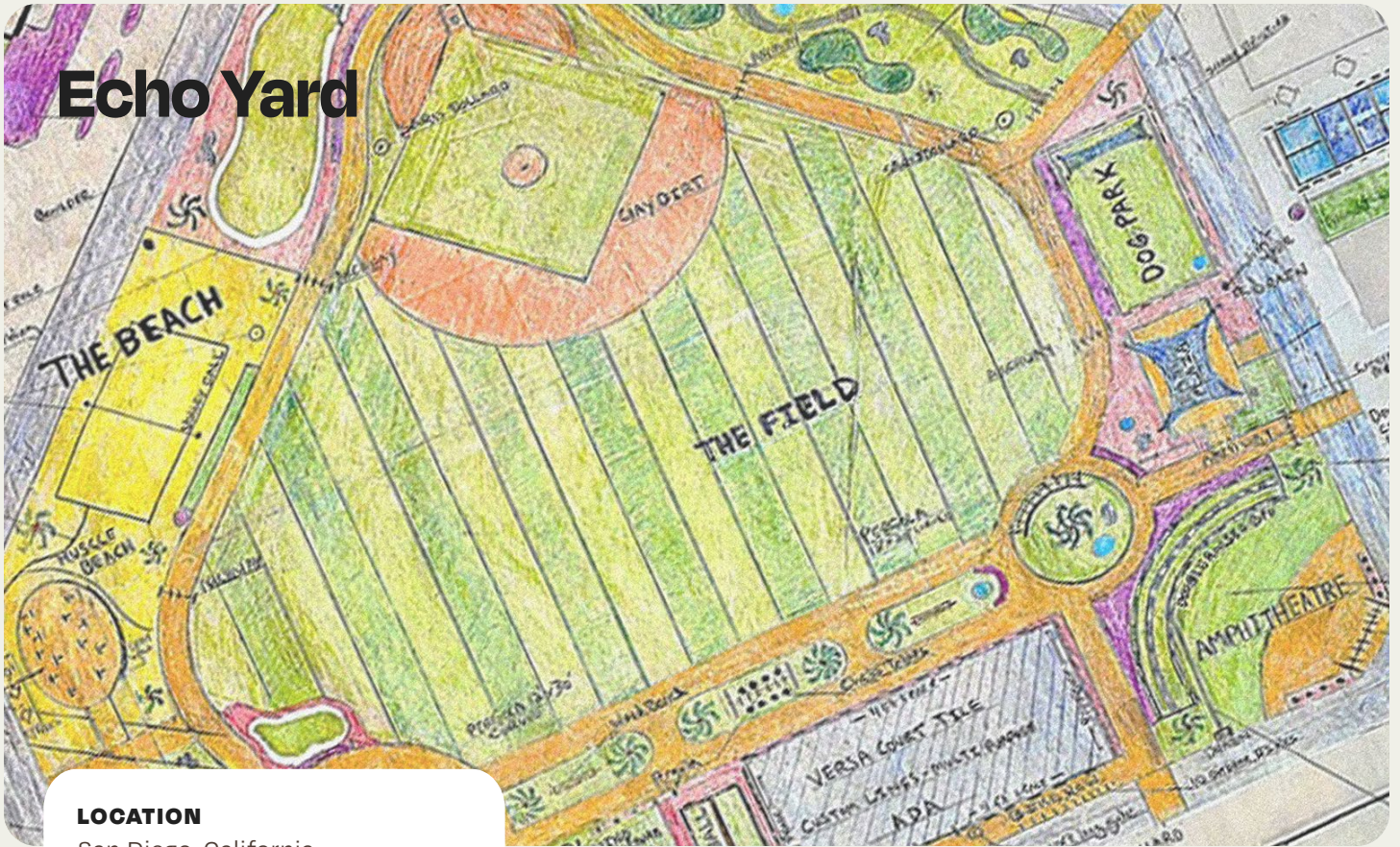




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## LOCATION

San Diego, California

## TIMELINE

2025—Ongoing

## ROLE

Collaborator

## SERVICES

Building + Interior

Urban + Systems

Landscape

Planning + Policy

Graphic

Engagement

Tactical

Organization

Echo Yard is a greenspace initiative at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility that reimagines a traditional prison yard as a restorative landscape shaped through collaboration with incarcerated residents, their advocates, and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The project explores how design can improve daily life, well-being, and dignity within correctional environments while demonstrating the role of landscape and public space in supporting rehabilitation. Historically, prison yards are designed primarily for surveillance, circulation, and recreation within rigid institutional frameworks. Echo Yard challenges this model by introducing a park-like environment that prioritizes greenery, shade, gathering spaces, and areas for reflection. Through a participatory design process, incarcerated residents have contributed ideas and feedback that directly shape the vision for the yard, ensuring the project responds to lived experience and everyday use.