Nature City Planning
for Ages 5–12

Swap out those Legos for some nature building materials to plan and build a complex city.
Building engages creativity and spatial awareness.

ITEMS YOU WILL NEED:
An outdoor space in nature

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:
Toys from inside to play in your city

1. Think about what things a city needs to work well. Does it need roads and buildings? What about somewhere to eat? You can draw out a plan on paper or make a list.

2. Collect building materials outside. These are nature's Legos: what will make tall buildings and smooth roads? Start building. Make sure it’s strong!

3. Continue to make additions to your city. It can look however you want it to: your city can hang from the tree branches or be strongly stuck in the ground.

4. Keep the fun going by adding figures to play with. This can be dolls or toys from inside, or you can build your own characters out of nature materials!

TO FURTHER EXTEND THIS ACTIVITY:
To listen to a book about building cities, check out Iggy Peck, Architect or learn more about how the beaver, an excellent animal builder, creates its amazing dens through KidsListen.