The best way to create a new biophilic vision for Minneapolis is to challenge and change the way in which we as citizens think about the city. The Eshkakimikwe-Kendaaswin Center is a place for all citizens to engage with nature in the city and collectively share the dream of a new biophilic city.

The history of the land we have come to call Minnesota rests with the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians. The Eshkakimikwe-Kendaaswin Center (Earth Based Knowledge) is a place for all of the people of Minnesota to come and share through learning in four distinct ways; Learning by Tradition (kendaaswin), Learning by Observation (Gnawaaminjigewin), Learning by Dreaming (Manidoo-Waaniwin), and Learning by listening.

New connections with nature are manifest in the layers of the site. The first layer is the Physical Layer that creates the tactile and exploratory connection. The second layer is the Understory which contains the experiential connection with the space. The final layer is the Canopy which focuses on the intellectual connection with the site and the history it contains.
LEARNING BY DREAMING
(Manidoo-Waaniwin)
LEARNING BY OBSERVING
(Gnawaamin)
LEARNING BY LISTENING
(Bzindamowin)
LEARNING FROM TRADITION
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