CONCEPT:
Lick Salt Lick celebrates the erosion and accumulation of salt. As it rains, salt drips from a 1.5 x 1.5 x 2.3 meter cube of salt licks and settles along the edges of a black pond liner. Flat stones form a path to encourage visitors to touch and lick the cube. Animals also are welcome to leave their mark. A series of smaller pools within the larger pool accrue salt from a single block atop miniature black-painted rock gardens, offering visitors a crystalline moment of zen. Cut logs held in place with rebar create an occupiable edge and conceal the edges of the pond liner. Rounds cut from the ends of the logs double as movable furniture.

Each rain transforms the garden—sculpting the cube and leaving layers of salt crystals. The project website encourages visitors to make annual pilgrimages to the garden, to note the salt disposition, to lick the cube, and to reconfigure the rock stacks. After several years, visitors are rewarded by the revealing of the central steel cube.

Please visit licksaltlick.com for more information.

SITE PLAN
- Salt Cube
- EPDM Pond Liner
- Overlook Berm Edge
- Hewn Log Edge Seat
- Grey Crushed Stone Path
- Interior Steel Core
- Salt Gardens
- Black Stepping Stones

WHAT WILL GROW HERE?
Halobacterium sp. NRC-1 is a colorful microbe and member of Archaea, the 3rd domain of life. Nonpathogenic and easy to manipulate, Halobacterium grows in medium so salty that few other conventional microbes can survive it. The organism’s love of salt and its ability to survive extremes of desiccation, radiation, and oxygen stress make it fascinating and beautiful.

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INTERACTIVE GARDEN FEATURES

SECTION THROUGH SMALL SALT GARDEN

SECTION THROUGH GARDEN EDGE

Salt Lick
Carpet Underliner
Painted Rock Stakes
3mm HDPE Pond Liner

20mm Pilot Hole
10mm Rebar
Gravel
3mm HDPE Pond Liner
Compacted Subgrade

SCALE 1:10