



The Park at River's Edge Honored by the Boston Society of Landscape Architects

Medford, Mass (May 1, 2008) The Park at River's Edge has won a prestigious Honor Design Award from the Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA). Shadley Associates of Lexington, Massachusetts designed the 10-acre park.

The Park at River's Edge is an elegantly landscaped public amenity created to complement River's Edge, an inner-suburban, master-planned 30-acre office and residential development in Medford, Malden and Everett, Massachusetts.

The BSLA jury praised The Park at River's Edge as "a place with endless potential" and applauded the vision of its creators. The Park at River's Edge was one of three Honor Design Awards recipients this year, having won in the Reclamation and Conservation subcategory. Other top Design Award winners include the Phoenix Art Museum Courtyard for Commercial and Institutional Design, Turkey Hill Farm in North Salem, New York for Residential and Garden Design, and Central Wharf Plaza in Boston for Parks and Recreation Facilities.

Scheduled to open to the public later this spring, The Park at River's Edge provides a serene environment encompassing a mile of riverfront paths, 100 yards of granite seat walls and 43 contemporary benches from which visitors may enjoy the beautiful views. Also housed in The Park are an all-purpose recreational field and the Tufts University (William A. Shoemaker) Boat House.

The development team has added over 8,000 new plants and set up an irrigation system fed by well water. The Park, created on a site which had been neglected for decades after a century of industrial use, has revived the riverfront, restoring over 1½ acres of wetlands. The rejuvenated area has already seen The Park turn into a rich habitat for migratory birds.

The \$200 million Phase I of the River's Edge project, when completed, will include three contemporary office buildings with an aggregate of 410,000 square feet and approximately 220 luxury rental housing units. The initial office building, which is under construction, has received precertification at the Gold level as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Core and Shell (LEED®-CS) project from the U.S. Green Building Council, the first Gold precertification in Greater Boston.

Also involved in the planning and implementation were Tetra Tech Rizzo and Nangle Consulting Associates. Gensler contributed as co-site master planner and office building architect. Public agencies on federal, state and local levels which participated in oversight and conceptualization include the Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection, Massachusetts Departments of Conservation

and Recreation, Department of Environmental Protection, DEP's Division of Waterways, the Mystic Valley Development Commission (MVDC), the Malden Redevelopment Authority, the Medford and Everett Conservation Commissions, the Medford Planning Board and Office of Community Development, and the MVDC's Citizens Advisory Board which includes residents of Everett, Malden and Medford.

The Park's Honor Design Award was presented at the BSLA's Annual Celebration Gala on April 30, 2008 in Cambridge. JP Shadley of Shadley Associates accepted the award.

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