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Pressley Associates completes landscape renovation of Sherrill Plaza: jointly owned by Lesley University and Episcopal Divinity School

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Pressley Associates has completed construction at Sherrill Plaza, a campus gathering space jointly owned by Lesley University and the Episcopal Divinity School.

The shared campus that contains Sherrill Plaza is bordered by Brattle and Mason Sts. in the Old Cambridge Historic District near Harvard Sq. Pressley's goal for the 13,650 s/f landscape's upgrade was to create a verdant, universally accessible gathering place for students and faculty of both institutions. The project also sought to enlarge useable space, create seating opportunities, and expand planted areas.

In order to simplify complex grade changes and circulation routes, stairs were consolidated, angular walks were softened, and new access ramps were integrated into the design. New water-efficient groundcovers, perennials and shrubs give the plaza a garden-like appearance while minimizing irrigation requirements. New large caliper shade and ornamental trees enhance building entrances and provide shade.

The renovation also included energy-efficient LED lighting to enhance the plaza's appearance and extend its use into the evening.

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