

RILEY HOUSE

Affordable elderly housing in an adapted convent building

Riley House is a 40-unit affordable housing development for senior citizens located in Hyde Park, Massachusetts. Here, residents enjoy large, beautifully designed living spaces and sun-filled rooms, with community space provided for multiple recreational and wellness programs.

The development is designed around the former convent of Most Precious Blood Parish, which closed in the early 1990s after serving the people of Hyde Park for half a century. The Planning Office acquired the vacant building from the Archdiocese in 2003 and retrofitted and expanded the property with a newly constructed building. Some unique features of the development include a private courtyard that links the new and old structures and a bridge that connects the two buildings at the top floor.

Riley House is a service-enriched development, and is centrally located near a shopping center and public transportation. It is less than a quarter mile from the many small shops and restaurants along Hyde Park Avenue. Riley House, which opened in 2005, is named for Bishop Colin Riley, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish for 25 years.



Developer:

Planning Office for Urban Affairs

Architect: The Architectural Team

Contractor: Peabody Construction

Manager: Maloney Properties, Inc.

Consultant: J. Kevin Leary

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