

ST. MARY'S APARTMENTS

Elderly housing in an adapted school building

St. Mary's Apartments provides 70 units of affordable, service-enriched senior citizen housing in Waltham, Massachusetts. When St. Mary's High School closed in 1973, the building and its almost three acres of property were left vacant. In 1996, the Planning Office for Urban Affairs began working with St. Mary's Parish, local officials and community groups to develop the parcel with a goal of easing the City's shortage of affordable elderly housing.

The school building was renovated into 24 spacious apartments and a new adjoining brick residence was constructed with 46 additional apartments. The new building was carefully designed to complement the original school, and a short bridge connects the old and new buildings. The development also features meeting and reception rooms, laundry facilities, a library, and space for arts and crafts. St. Mary's Apartments opened in 2001.



Developer:

Planning Office for Urban Affairs

Architect:

The Architectural Team

Contractor:

Peabody Construction

Manager:

Maloney Properties, Inc.

Financing:

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