

THE ST. AIDAN

Providing for an underserved population in an affluent community

The St. Aidan is a 59-unit mixed-income, smart growth condominium development that combines conservation, historic preservation and affordable housing to support and enhance the Brookline community. Located in the heart of the desirable Coolidge Corner neighborhood, the 1.8-acre parcel site is the former home of the St. Aidan Parish. The development includes 20 affordable rental units, 16 first-time homebuyer units and 23 market rate condominiums. The Church building was converted into nine unique condominium units that include pieces of the church's original stained glass windows and woodwork. Two three-story town house buildings on Crowninshield Road complement that street's suburban character. The final building on the site is a new three and five story brick structure on the corner of Crowninshield Road and Pleasant Street. The buildings are organized around a central courtyard, and the site also boasts a landmark 150 year-old Copper Beech tree with a half-acre canopy.

The St. Aidan, which opened in 2009, was developed with the support of the Town of Brookline as a friendly Chapter 40B development. It offers access to high quality education, jobs, health care, services and amenities that are beyond the reach of many young people and families in need. The waiting list for the twenty affordable rental units had over 500 applicants before it closed.

Developer: Planning Office for Urban Affairs

Development Consultant: Development Synergies LLC



Architects: The Architectural Team
DiMambro + Associates
Bellata 3 Design

Contractor: Consigli Construction

Manager: Peabody Properties, Inc.

Financing:
Bank of America
Wainwright Bank and Trust
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts:
Dept. of Housing & Community Development;
MassHousing;
Community Economic Development Assistance Corp.

Town of Brookline:
Brookline Housing Trust
Brookline Housing Authority

Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston
Home Funders LLC

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