

## HARVARD UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMONS

*Cambridge, Massachusetts*

*Client: Harvard Real Estate Services*



### AWARDS

*Honor Award – Excellence in Planning for  
a District or Campus Component, 2008  
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Harvard University Graduate Commons represents an ambitious plan to transform the existing eastern residential edge of the University's campus, where it meets the Riverside and Kerry Corner neighborhoods. The existing sites created a unique urban design opportunity to reinforce the residential character of the neighborhoods through careful infill and building relocation.

The central element of the project is a new six-story residence hall with 141 apartments on Cowperthwaite Street, with 190 parking spaces on three levels below-grade. To mediate between the scale of Harvard's adjacent residential towers on one side and the neighborhood on the other, the building is manipulated in massing and height to fit comfortably within its context. Garden seat walls, trellises, and mature trees further integrate the building into the context of a mature, pedestrian-scaled neighborhood.

The residence hall features a substantial house director's suite, multi-function common room, study rooms, dining room, roof deck, and laundry facilities. The facades are clad in brick, copper, limestone, and granite, a palette that is closely related to the materials on many of Harvard's historic residential buildings. The building has received a LEED Gold rating.







