

Mostue & Associates



Linden Street

In what became the largest new affordable housing development in Somerville in almost 20 years, Mostue & Associates helped reclaim this urban enclave for the community and created an inexpensive, environmentally-friendly place to live. Environmental consciousness and energy efficient design were integrated with the community design goals at the Linden Street development. Details of construction, methods and materials, and systems were selected not just for efficiency and comfort, but for effective integration with the design goals and aesthetics. On top of environmental considerations, we focused much of our efforts on the landscape.

The heart of the Linden Street development is a central Commons with over 50 trees, including rare American Elms and a variety of deciduous evergreens for a year-round landscape. The building entrances are reinforced by plantings, and the careful grading offers universally-accessible entrances without handicapped ramps and railings. While residents can enjoy the fresh air and gardens from their private balconies, the neighborhood is invited by walkways to utilize the children's play area and the sitting oval of the Commons.