

WEST END RESIDENCES

Boston, Massachusetts

Client: Equity Residential



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Elkus Manfredi Architects is the master planner and design architect for the West End Residences, five new buildings located along Storrow Drive and Blossom Street in Boston. The project incorporates approximately 300 residences and three acres of landscaped open space. In addition, an existing above-ground parking structure was demolished and replaced with two underground parking garages.

The new buildings were planned to provide definition for the existing pedestrian way — Thoreau Path — and to form a new publicly accessible open space that links the MBTA's North Station to Massachusetts General Hospital and the new Charles/MGH station, also designed by Elkus Manfredi.

The development of these new residences fulfills important urban design priorities for the district: new pedestrian connections to the surrounding neighborhood fabric; building components that add density to the urban renewal plan of the 1960s; and significant expansion of community park space. The “Vesta” building on Storrow Drive represents the first new, high-rise residential construction in Boston on the Charles River in 30 years.







