# 2017 Town Gown Report

MIT's 2017 Town Gown report provides updates on the Institute's planning and development activities, and features key initiatives such as the Kendall Square development, the Volpe project, the Vassar Street undergraduate residence hall, the Access MIT mobility campaign, and the Institute's comprehensive sustainability and resiliency programs. Every activity reported in these pages serves to advance MIT's mission of teaching and research as the Institute strives to address local and global challenges that impact society and the planet.



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# Students, Faculty, & Staff

The number of graduate students and post-docthat trend has slowed in the current year with alfor post-doctoral employees (0.1%). The averstudents was 1.5% from 2008 to 2013, but it has declined to an average of 0.4% since 2014. Postdoctoral employment grew faster in the 2008 to 2013 period compared with 2014 to 2017, with the average growth rate dropping from 7.3% to 1.5%.

As noted in last year's report, one explanation for the early increase in post-doctoral numbers may have been the perception of instability within individual graduate programs. Financial uncertainty regarding federal and private resources avail- From 2008 to 2014, the undergraduate popula-

able for research in the future may have resulted toral employees grew between 2008 to 2017, but in a reluctance to enroll graduate students in a multi-year degree program for which resources most no growth for graduate students (0.3%) or might not be available in the later years of the graduate student's career at MIT. However, sufage annual growth rate in the number of graduate ficient funding was available at that time to hire post-doctoral employees to support ongoing research. More broadly, there is not an overall plan to make changes to the graduate student population or the appointment of post-doctoral employees. Enrollment fluctuates depending on the independent decisions of academic departments. These decisions are governed by a variety of factors including the availability of research funding and the ability of international students to obtain

Student Body	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2027
Total Undergraduate Students	4,477	4,510	4,476	4,474	4,489	4,500
Day	4,477	4,510	4,476	4,474	4,489	
Evening	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Full Time	4,456	4,485	4,442	4,440	4,444	
Part Time	21	25	34	34	45	
Total Graduate Students	6,431	6,528	6,560	6,537	6,599	6,400- 6,600
Day	6,431	6,528	6,560	6,537	6,599	,
Evening	N/A	NA	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Full Time	6,417	6,514	6,509	6,523	6,592	
Part Time	14	14	51	14	7	
Non-Degree Students	189	182	204	226	191	
Day	189	182	204	226	191	
Evening	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Total Students Attending Classes in Cambridge	11,097	11,220	11,240	11,237	11,279	11,000- 11,300
Non-resident students not included	92	81	79	94	97	

Faculty & Staff	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2027
Cambridge-based Staff						
Head Count	9,329	9,692	10,039	10,234	10,596	10,000- 11,000
FTEs	7,954	8,294	8,599	8,743 <sup>‡</sup>	9,009	
Post-Doctoral Staff**	1,402	1,421	1,515	1,486	1,488	
Cambridge-based Faculty						
Head Count	1,007	1,012	1,004	1,019	1,020	1,100
FTEs	1,002	1,005	999	1,010 <sup>‡</sup>	1,013	
Number of Cambridge Residents Employed at Cambridge Facilities	2,305	2,347	2,391	2,494	2,552	2,500

<sup>\*\*</sup> Post-doctoral employees are included in the headcount for Cambridge-based staff.

tion grew slowly in a planned effort to match the historic total undergraduate population of 4,500. After reaching this level in 2014, the undergraduate population has remained unchanged. This year's population remains stable at 4,489, just under the target of 4,500.

For more than 25 years, the number of tenured faculty members has remained stable at around 1,000. While there was a decrease in staff due to the great recession, the staff population has recovered to pre-recession levels and is growing at a rate of 1.4% annually.

International students account for 42% of the 2017 graduate student population.



<sup>‡</sup> Starting in 2016, FTEs are calculated using "part time equals 1/3 full time" methodology instead of "percent effort."

# Housing

#### **Undergraduate Housing**

As part of its mission to enhance the campus environment, the Institute is focused on a number of factors when planning for housing: strengthening connections between northwest and west campus, enlivening Vassar Street and Amherst Alley, creating connections through the athletic fields, and activating the western edge of campus. In keeping with these objectives, MIT is advancing a proposed undergraduate residence hall on the site of the West Garage parking facility on Vassar Street. The site, which is close to the center of the campus and near the existing Simmons undergraduate residence hall and campus athletic facilities, is ideally suited for undergraduate life.

The residence hall's design has been influenced rience at MIT, the new residence will provide by a set of architectural principles developed by a team of MIT students, faculty heads of house, and staff. The design features rooms arranged in "clusters" with shared community spaces including lounges, music rooms, study rooms, and

other flexible spaces. Throughout the building, stairways have been located and designed to encourage communication and travel between the

An MIT dining facility on the first floor will include a kitchen area where students will have the opportunity to cook for themselves. The project would add 450 new dormitory beds with a target completion date of Fall 2020. Outside, inviting benches and a plaza connecting the Pacific Street railroad crossing to the residence hall will provide a welcoming environment for students and the public to enjoy.

In addition to enhancing the student life expe-MIT with flexibility and capacity as it continues its comprehensive renewal of campus housing. For example, the phased renovation at New House (W70) is ongoing, and is expected to be completed in 2018.

Student Residences	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2027
Undergraduate Students Residing in Cambridge						
In Institute-approved housing	3,589	3,577	3,543	3,654	3,652	3,600- 3,700
In off-campus housing owned & managed by MIT	7	0	0	0	1	
In off-campus non-MIT housing	66	71	77	109	107	
Graduate Students Residing in Cambridge						
In Institute-approved housing	2,392	2,430	2,384	2,044	2,221	3,200 3,500
In off-campus housing owned & managed by MIT	123	59	44	35	27	
In off-campus non-MIT housing	1,779	1,884	1,876	2,610	2,468	
Student Parking						
Number of student parking permits issued (including resident and commuter parking)*				294	194	

<sup>\*</sup>Reporting on permits rather than spaces as we have done in previous years allows MIT to more accurately reflect the number of students driving on or around campus.



	Tax Ex	empt	Taxable		
Housing	MIT-Owned & Managed Housing	Other Housing	MIT-Owned &  Managed Housing*	Other Housing	
2013			, and the second		
Units	0	0	164	930	
Buildings	0	0	15	7	
2014					
Units	0	0	164	930	
Buildings	0	0	13	7	
2015					
Units	0	0	164	930	
Buildings	0	0	13	7	
2016					
Units	0	0	163	930	
Buildings	0	0	12	7	
2017					
Units	0	0	163	930	
Buildings	0	0	12	7	
2027					
Units	0	0	163	930	
Buildings	0	0	12	7	

<sup>\*</sup> Occupied by both MIT and Non-MIT residents.

### **Graduate Housing**

At the urging of MIT graduate students and others in the broader Cambridge community, the Institute established a Graduate Student Housing Working Group to examine current housing needs. As a result of that group's analysis, MIT announced the Institute's commitment to create 950 graduate student beds (over the baseline of 2017 inventory) which will be either in permitting or online by the end of 2020. This will be achieved in three ways: the construction of a Kendall Square graduate student residence hall with 250 net new beds; a minimum of 200 new graduate student housing beds, either by the conversion of existing beds or the creation of new beds in existing inventory; and the construction of new facilities that will provide at least 500 new graduate student beds, likely in the West Campus area.

MIT has committed to creating 950 new graduate beds

This major commitment will improve access to housing for MIT's graduate students and help to take pressure off the area housing market. The commitment was also integrated within MIT's Volpe zoning agreement, and will be formally reviewed, along with general graduate student housing needs, every three years.

# **Transportation**

#### **Shuttle Coordination Efforts**

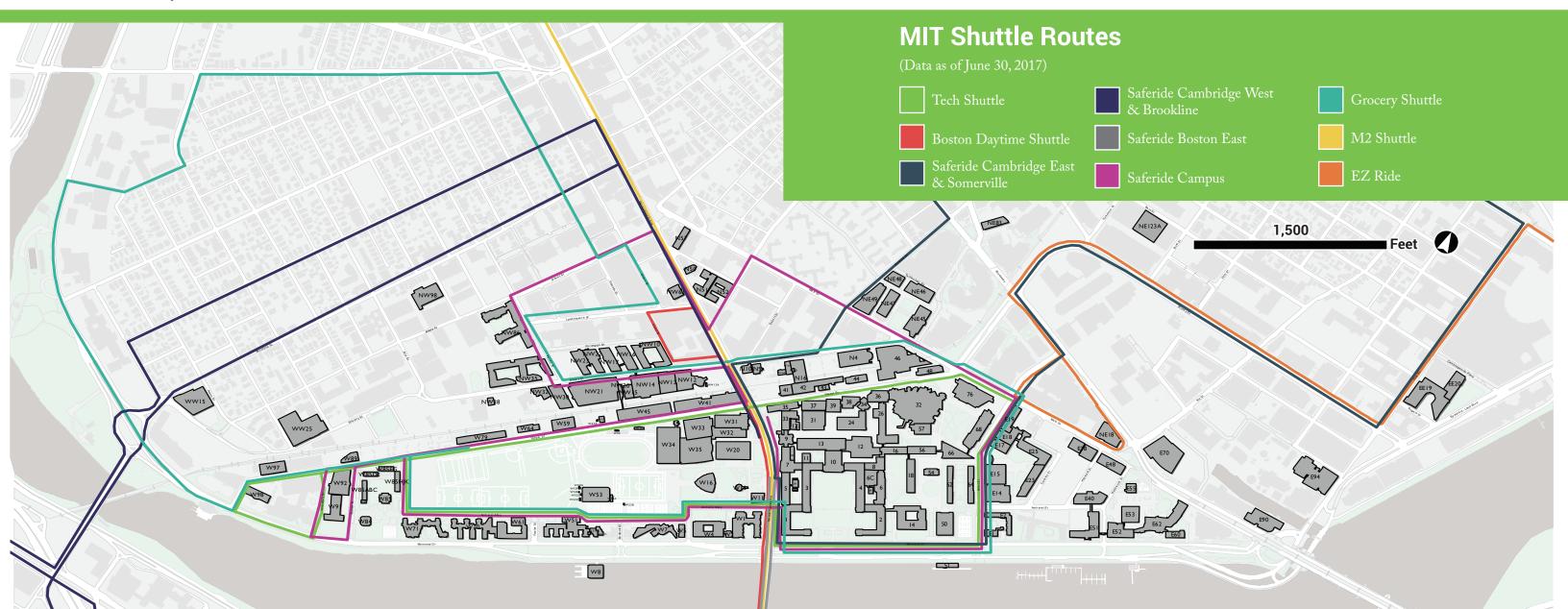
MIT's shuttle service is designed to ensure safety and meet the demands of faculty, staff, and student users. The Institute periodically adjusts its shuttle services to best serve the community. There is very little overlap of MIT shuttle service with other public or private shuttle services. The MIT northwest campus is serviced by the EZ-Ride shuttle which is operated by the Charles River TMA (CRTMA).

operation with the Graduate Student Council and Undergraduate Association also operates a Sunday afternoon Grocery Shuttle with service All MIT shuttles require riders to show their to Trader Joe's and Whole Foods Market from MIT ID.

Route Name	Annual Ridership
Tech Shuttle	170,360
Combined Saferide Shuttles	382,230
Boston Daytime Shuttle	32,629
Grocery Shuttle	2,253
EZRide by CRTMA (Northwest Shuttle)	524,430

The Parking and Transportation office in co- campus residences. This has resulted in better service with fewer vehicles on the road.

Route Name	Vehicle Type and Capacity	Frequency of Operation	Weekday Hours of Operation	Weekend Hours of Operation
Tech Shuttle	Mid-size transit 30 seats, biodiesel	10 min peak 20 min off peak	6:15AM- 7:10PM	
Boston Daytime	Mid-size transit	30 min	8:00AM-	
Shuttle	30 seats, biodiesel	(Sept-May)	5:55PM	
Saferide Cambridge	Mid-size transit	30 min peak	6:05PM-	6:05PM-
East/Somerville	30 seats, biodiesel	40 min off peak	2:33AM	3:33AM
Saferide Cambridge	Mini-bus	30 min peak	6:05PM-	6:05PM-
West/Brookline	14 seats	40 min off peak	2:33AM	3:33AM
Saferide Boston East	Mid-size transit	20 min peak	6:00PM-	6:00PM-
	30 seats, biodiesel	30 min off peak	2:26AM	3:26AM
Saferide Campus	Mid-size transit	20 min	6:00PM-	6:00PM-
Route	30 seats, biodiesel		2:38AM	3:38AM
Grocery Shuttle	Mid-size transit 30 seats, biodiesel	45 min		11:30AM- 4:30PM



# **Access MIT**

The Access MIT initiative seeks to increase flexible, affordable, and low carbon transportation options for the MIT community. A combination of new benefits launched in September 2016 was designed to incentivize employee parkers to take alternative modes more often, while providing those who regularly bike, walk, and take transit with even more flexibility. Overall, the new program seeks to address the shared challenges of traffic congestion, parking demand, and climate change, while making MIT into an active testbed for urban mobility solutions.

The new program shifted the majority of employee parkers with annual permits to daily parking rates, releasing parkers from the financial commitment of a yearly pass. Increased public transit benefits, including a free transit pass embedded in MIT employee ID cards, now enables employees to take the subway or local bus for free on days they choose not to park. In conjunction with new benefits, the Parking and Transportation Office, in partnership with the Office of Sustainability, launched a public awareness campaign, featuring real commuter stories from around the Institute.

A commuting survey conducted shortly after the program launch revealed that Access MIT benefits had already influenced the commuting decisions of the majority of staff. Many survey

respondents highlighted the additional financial and quality of life benefits of the new program, such as: "I save \$14 everyday between the tunnel and MIT parking with the new free pass on the T. Plus it is actually faster than driving and much less stressful." Each month, approximately 6,000 employees are now using their transit passes in their ID cards.

Researchers at the MIT Transit Lab, who were critical to the design of the new program, are working closely with the Institute Committee for Transportation and Parking and the Office of Sustainability to measure and analyze the impact of these programs.



## **Program Benefits**

- Free, unrestricted use of the MBTA subway and local bus systems for benefits-eligible Cambridge campus MIT faculty, staff, and postdocs
- A 60% commuter rail subsidy
- A 50% subsidy for parking at MBTA stations, up to \$100 per month
- A shift from annual to daily pay-per-day parking plans at MIT gated lots
- A commuter dashboard for MIT employees that tracks commutes, helps plan trips, and matches carpoolers with one another
- Access MIT Pass which embeds a T-Pass directly into an employee's MIT ID



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## Point of Origin for Commuter Trips to Cambridge

Home Location	Count	Percentage
Cambridge	2,552	22.0%
Boston	1,639	14.1%
Somerville	900	7.7%
Arlington	427	3.7%
Brookline	372	3.2%
Newton	298	2.6%
Medford	290	2.5%
Belmont	259	2.2%
Lexington	246	2.1%
Quincy	230	2.0%
Watertown	201	1.7%
Malden	153	1.3%
Winchester	113	1.0%
Waltham	111	1.0%
Melrose	98	0.8%
North of Boston	602	5.2%
South of Boston	76	0.7%
West of Boston	137	1.2%
Outside 128	1,713	14.7%
Outside 495	371	3.2%
Connecticut	18	0.2%
Maine	20	0.2%
New Hampshire	129	1.1%
Rhode Island	62	0.5%
Vermont	5	0.0%
Outside New England	361	3.1%
Outside US	232	2.0%
Unknown	1	0.0%
Grand Total	11,616	100.0%

### **Mobility Strategy Updates**

MIT is committed to providing amenities to support and encourage students, faculty, and staff to commute to campus by bicycle. The Institute maintains over 5,000 bike parking spaces across campus. All bike racks are located with a focus on providing secure, accessible, well-lit spaces close to building entrances and placed indoors or in covered areas where possible. MIT plans to continue to provide additional parking spaces and other bicycle infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing and enthusiastic cycling community.

MIT created a Bicycle Commuter Benefit Program in 2009 for fulltime employees. The program provides a reimbursement of \$20/month (\$240/year) for the purchase, improvements, repair or storage of a bicycle used for commuting to MIT. Additionally, bicycle commuters who need to drive to campus a few times per month have the option of purchasing an occasional parking permit. Approximately 280 cyclists took advantage of the program this year, compared to 200 in 2015 – an increase of nearly 40% over two years.

MIT's "Getting around MIT by Bicycle" map and information pamphlet (http://mit.edu/facilities/transportation/docs/Getting\_Around\_by\_Bike.pdf) provides information on bike lanes, bike parking areas, and bike repair stations. The brochure also educates the community on bike safety, etiquette, security, and communicates the need to "share the road" with pedestrians, vehicles, and other roadway users.

MIT sponsors four Hubway stations with a total of 102 docks on campus. Two of the stations have been in place since the bike-share pro-

### Parking spaces maintained in Cambridge

Number of parking spaces maintained on campus as reported in the annual MIT Parking Inventory

4,004



gram began in Cambridge in 2012. These stations are some of the busiest in Cambridge and are located near 77 Massachusetts Avenue and on Vassar Street near the intersection with Main Street. MIT has also participated in Hubway winter operations over the past four years and has agreed to participate on an ongoing basis. Three additional Hubway stations are planned within the Kendall Square Initiative.

In addition to sponsoring Hubway stations, MIT subsidizes annual Hubway memberships for all MIT students, staff, and faculty, offering memberships at \$35/year (regularly \$99/year). The subsidy has been very well received, with the number of MIT Hubway members increasing exponentially over the past few years, doubling from 1,800 members in 2015 to 3,640 this year.

MIT is designated as a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists for its excellent bike infrastructure and programs. The Institute also earned a first place award in the 2017 Mass Commute Bicycle

Challenge for most bike commuter miles traveled. The Institute has won this award for six of the past seven years.

One opportunity for MIT to improve bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure is through the proposed Grand Junction multi-use path. Working with advocates and the City of Cambridge, MIT completed a feasibility study of the use of Institute property for the Grand Junction path in 2014 and recently made a commitment to work with the City to design and build this community path on its property.

The Institute encourages the use of sustainable transportation methods, but also recognizes that it is necessary for many people to drive around campus. To serve its students, faculty, staff and visitors, MIT maintains a campus-wide inventory of vehicular parking spaces. MIT community members with parking permits are assigned to areas of campus based upon where they primarily live or work, as well as their preferences.

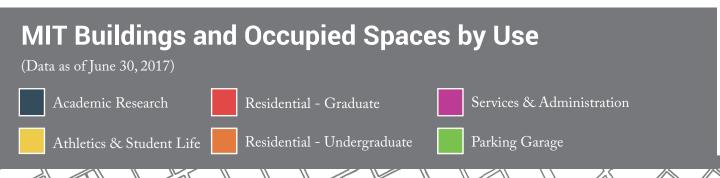
Commuting Mode of Choice								
Commuting Mode	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016			
Drove alone entire way	22%	20%	22%	21%	18%			
Took public transportation	41%	42%	41%	39%	42%			
Carpooled	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%			
Bicycled	13%	14%	15%	15%	16%			
Walked	15%	15%	13%	14%	15%			
Other	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%			

# **Campus Planning**

## **Major Initiatives**

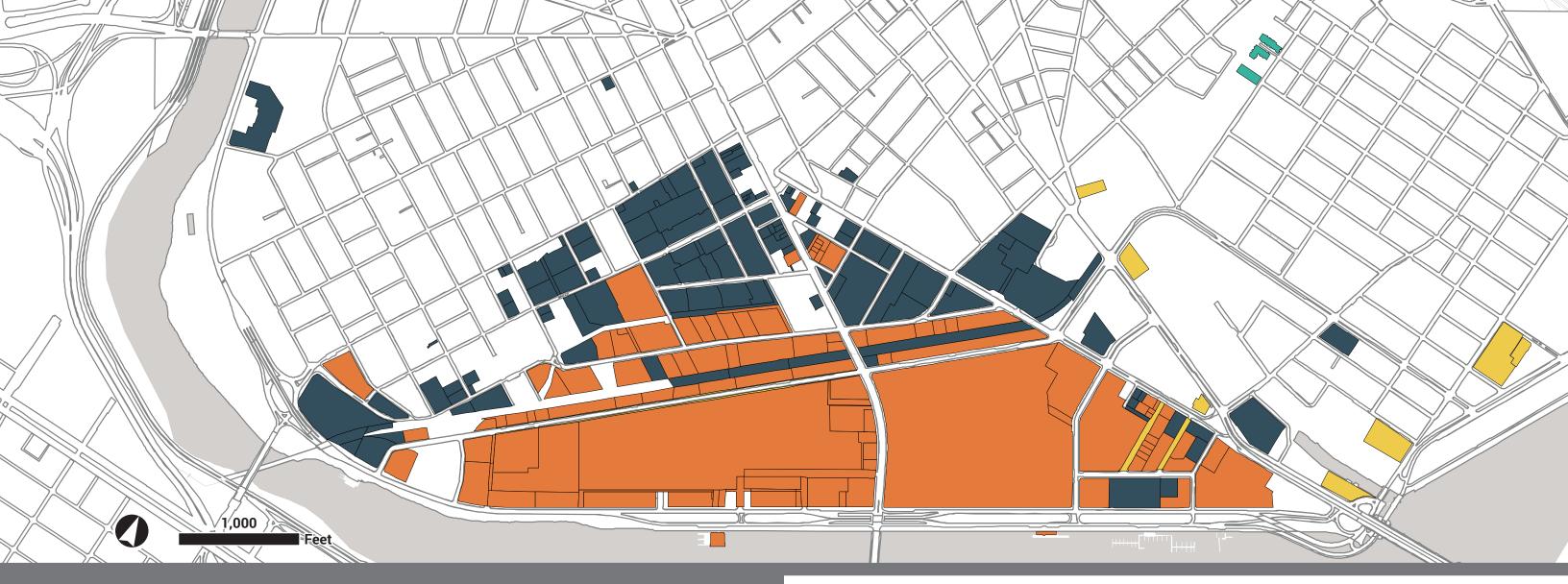
ate residence hall in the center of the Kendall Square Initiative, along with site, utility and garage construction. The expanded Central Utility Plant for two new cogeneration turbines on communities, and support research initiatives Albany Street is underway. The construction and collaborations far into the future.

MIT has begun construction on the new gradu- of MIT.nano will be complete next year. These projects represent major long-term investments in the City and campus infrastructure. Together, they will benefit both the MIT and Cambridge



Facilities and Land Owned	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Acres					
Tax Exempt	161	163	163	166	166
Taxable	93	93	95	92	92
Number of Buildings (academic)	109	111	108	111	114
Dormitories					
Number of Buildings	28	28	28	27	28
Number of Beds	5,940	5,800	5,739	5,422	5,898
Size of Buildings (gross floor area)					
Institutional/Academic	6,808,234	6,811,817	6,927,275	7,036,694	7,235,839
Student Activities/Athletic/Service	2,418,825	2,366,093	2,195,897	2,247,058	2,243,358
Dormitory/Nontaxable Residential	2,921,880	2,921,880	2,922,128	2,866,373	2,882,602
Commercial (in square feet)	4,962,958	5,344,990	5,356,423	6,109,827	6,337,516
Taxable Residential (in rental units)	164	164	164	163	163





# **MIT Property in** Cambridge

Data as of June 30, 2017



Academic Leased



Investment Property - Condominium Only

## Property Transfers

Cambridge properties purchased since filing previous Town Gown Report:

Charlotte's Way and 7 Landsdowne Street

Cambridge properties sold since filing previous Town Gown Report:

None

Planned dispositions or acquisitions:

Volpe Parcel acquisition

	Real Estate Leased				
Use	Leased Location*	Sq Ft**			
Institutional/Academic	1 Cambridge Center	35,594			
Institutional/Academic	245 First Street	19,805			
Institutional/Academic	300 Technology Square	6,451			
Institutional/Academic	400 Technology Square	10,901			
Institutional/Academic	500 Technology Square	93,108			
Institutional/Academic	600 Technology Square	108,907			
Institutional/Academic	700 Technology Square	14,253			
Institutional/Academic	One Charles Street	36,228			
Institutional/Academic	One Kendall, Bldg. 300	22,506			
Institutional/Academic	One Main Street	63,142			
Institutional/Academic	One Rogers	24,046			
	Total	434,941			
* Leased by MIT from third-party landlords. **The square footage may only be a portion of the entire building.					

### Planning for the Campus: Buildings, Streets, and Open Space

The Institute has been engaged in a practice of engineered solutions and green infrastructure improving the campus by removing above-grade garages, redeveloping surface parking lots, and removing obsolete buildings, particularly in the center of campus. MIT's new opportunities for campus improvement include working with the existing buildings, streets (both public and private), plazas and green spaces.

MIT has been collaborating with the City of Cambridge on campus resiliency in the face of climate change. In a parallel and now integrated initiative, a broad assessment of storm water management and landscape ecology is taking place. The effort includes mitigating projected more frequent and intense storms and rising temperatures with integrated, multi-benefit approaches to stormwater management that address water quality, quantity, and heat island effect. MIT will seek to use a combination of

that can itself be part of campus open space improvements.

The 730-750 Main Street block (in the "North" area of the Future Development Opportunities map) is an optimal size for a research & development building. MIT anticipates renovating the existing buildings into office and lab facilities to further support the innovation ecosystem in Kendall Square. In addition, redevelopment of this site would allow for the continuation of the emerging retail corridor along Main Street.

Another key step will be the redevelopment of the triangular-shaped 600 Main Street block. This site is relatively close to the core campus and its scale makes it an attractive site for academic research or administrative uses. The site also provides an opportunity to complete the

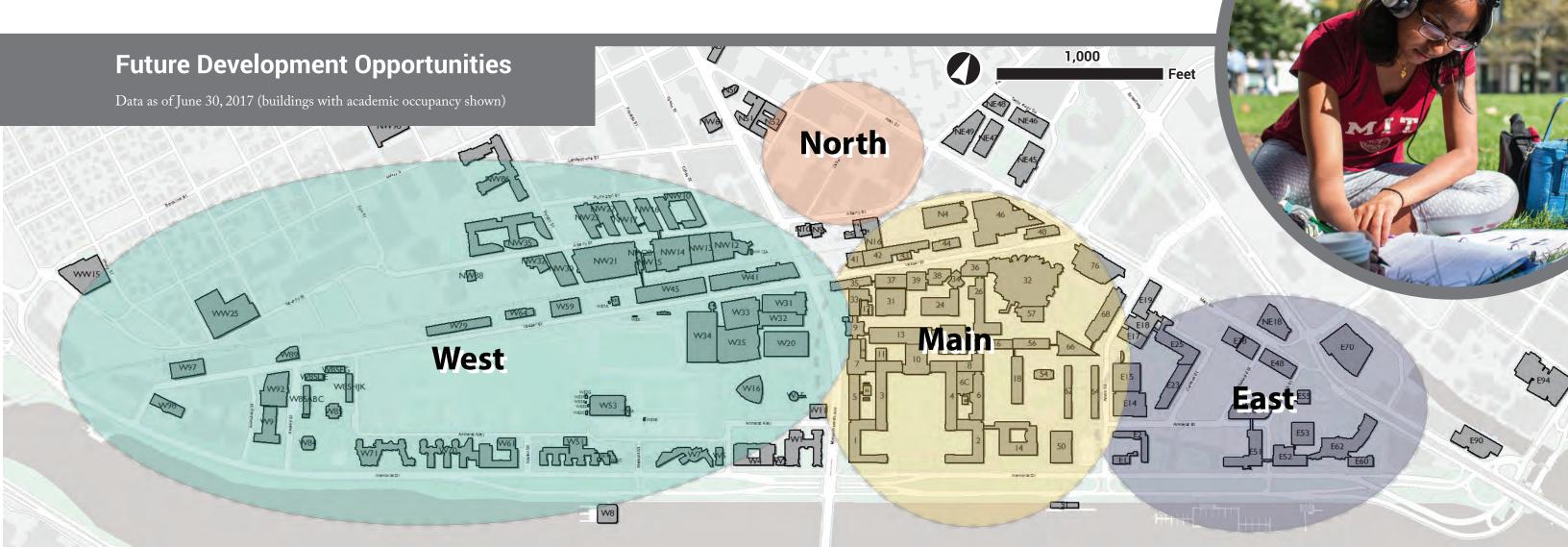
street frontage along Main Street with retail and restaurant space on both sides of the street opposite Technology Square.

One opportunity for campus improvement to a major cross-campus corridor, not easily appreciated from city streets, is the North Corridor project. Associated with construction of MIT. nano, site improvements will transform former service drives and parking lots. Green infrastructure and trees will create a greener, pedestrianfriendly landscaped courtyard and corridor that connects Building 9 at Massachusetts Avenue to a renovated Building 31, the new MIT.nano (Building 12) and on to Stata and North Court.

Parallel to North Corridor is Vassar Street. This first-in-the-nation bicycle track transformed what had been a drab, industrial service corridor. Fifteen years on, it is now due for some renew-

al. The basic streetscape (lights, pavers, and the cycle track) is in reasonable condition, with spot repairs in order. However, many of the trees planted in the Main Street to Massachusetts Avenue section have failed. MIT is carrying out a forensic investigation to determine why such a widespread failure happened, despite the care that went into the original design: structured soil, hardy species, and irrigation. The plan is to carefully coordinate with ongoing utility and

building construction in or near Vassar Street and to have all new trees planted over the next 24 months.



Two housing projects have major open space components. The Kendall Square (Site 4) graduate student housing development that is now underway has a key open space element: the planned gateway around the new Kendall MBTA head house and the major open space between Carleton and Wadsworth Streets. MIT is planning to program this space in a way that reflects the best of MIT and engages both the Cambridge and MIT communities.

The new undergraduate residence on Vassar Street will improve the Vassar streetscape down to Pacific Street with new planting, creative architecture, bike parking and benches. It will also take a major pedestrian crossing of the railroad tracks at Pacific Street and enlarge and transform the space into a lively urban plaza that will improve the pedestrian environment and properly connect cyclists to and from the eastbound Station, Allston and beyond. Vassar cycle track.

There are investigations into a new use for the Metropolitan Storage Warehouse. New life in this historic structure will dramatically alter this section of Vassar Street and enliven the Massachusetts Avenue corner. An adaptive rehabilitation of Metropolitan Storage Warehouse will provide a critical link between a renewed Vassar Street with new trees east of Massachusetts Avenue and the streetscape of the new undergraduate residence to the west.

A key iniative will be the Grand Junction project, located along the northern edge of the main campus. MIT has now committed \$8.5 million to the design and construction of a pathway for bicyclists and pedestrians alongside the rail line that runs on MIT property. The 2014 MIT featraffic signals at Wadsworth Street, Massachusibility study demonstrated that while a path- setts Avenue and at Endicott Street.

way is possible, it would not be without its own challenges and compromises. Unlike most areas on the Grand Junction, long abandoned by industrial customers, the right-of-way is an everyday part of MIT's service and utility network. While a future transit use in the corridor has been contemplated for some time, the Kendall Square Mobility Task Force report confirmed that the desired 10-15 minute headway service that is believed to be needed to entice drivers to switch commuting modes will require two-track service, now available only in a portion of the corridor.

Despite these challenges, MIT believes that the transformation of the Grand Junction will further knit the Cambridge and MIT communities together. Cambridge and MIT will be poised to take advantage of new connections to North

One of the biggest opportunities to improve open space is by making safe and inviting connections between existing open spaces and the City. MIT will be designing and building a two-way cycle track on Ames from Main Street to Memorial Drive, extending the improvements scheduled for the 6th Street landscaped walkway and the two-way cycle track on Ames Street from Broadway to Main Street. With the cooperation of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), MIT will build a new signalized crossing to the Paul Dudley White multi-use path along the Charles River.

This new signal will continue MIT's tradition of installing traffic signals all along Memorial Drive in front of the campus. These include the

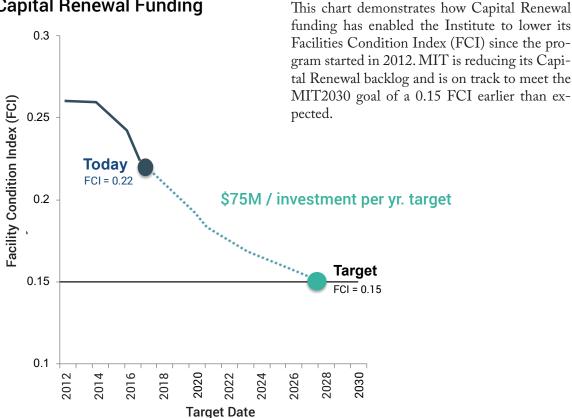


#### **Capital Renewal**

Retirement of deferred maintenance continues to be an integral part of overall campus renewal. FY2016 was the first year in recent decades that realized a reduction in deferred maintenance, and progress continued in FY2017. For the sec ond consecutive year, MIT's campus-wide fa cility condition index (FCI), which is the ratio of deferred maintenance to replacement value, decreased from 0.24 to 0.22. A combination of extensive renovations to buildings and sys tem renewal projects benefiting more than 70 campus buildings contributed to this continued

reduction. At the end of FY 17, the total back log of deferred maintenance was \$1.57 billion, which is equal to \$125 per square foot compared to \$140 per square foot at peer research insti tutions. There have been reports of increasing deferred maintenance at higher education insti tutions in the United States, while MIT is ex periencing a decline because of concerted efforts to address the backlog. The Institute remains on track to meet its goal of a 0.15 FCI by the year

#### **Capital Renewal Funding**



#### Focus of FY12-FY17

Focus on safety, code compliance, priority systems, i.e., leaking roofs, loose masonry, nonfunctional mechanical systems, antiquated fire protection systems.

#### Focus for FY18

- Space transformation in priority buildings
- GHG emissions reduction opportunities
- Cost savings from energy and operations
- Research resiliency and flexibility

# **Projects**

# **Completed in Reporting Period**

12 Emily Street - NW98

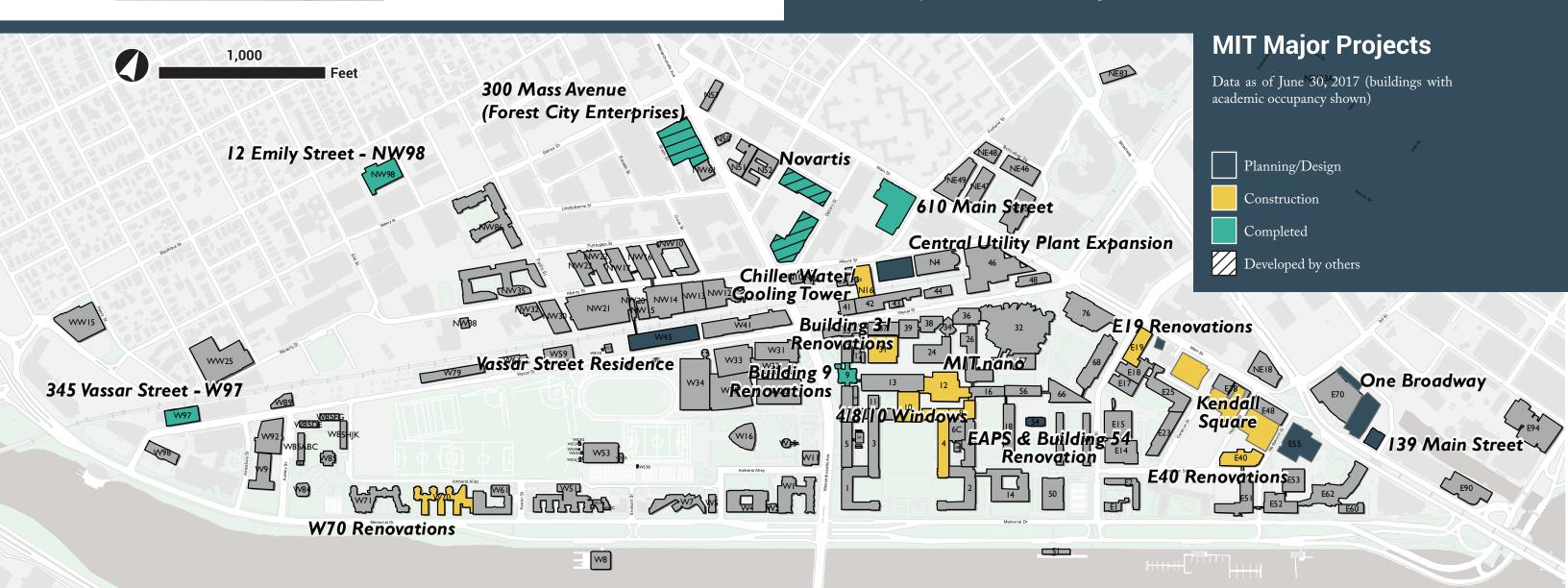


MIT repurposed 12 Emily Street as the home for the Institute's Sea Grant marine research program and the collaborative Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA) Institute. Renovation of the 32,000 square foot building started in early 2016. The Sea Grant space was completed in January 2017 and the AFFOA space was completed in May 2017.

#### 345 Vassar Street - W97

As part of enabling for Kendall Square development, and in an effort to consolidate MIT's Theater Arts activities and spaces, the program was relocated to 345 Vassar Street, Building W97. The program includes rehearsal spaces, a costume shop and storage, experimental and performance space, and office and administrative space. Relocation of these activities, particularly the performance space, will help activate the west campus.

MIT's own theater faculty will also be able to develop more of their works on campus, involving MIT students in the process. The flexible facility allows for more theater research focused on experimental work, as well as providing the campus with new space for debates, exhibitions, conferences, and installations. Planning for this move began in early 2015 and renovation was complete in March 2017.



## **Completed in Reporting Period**

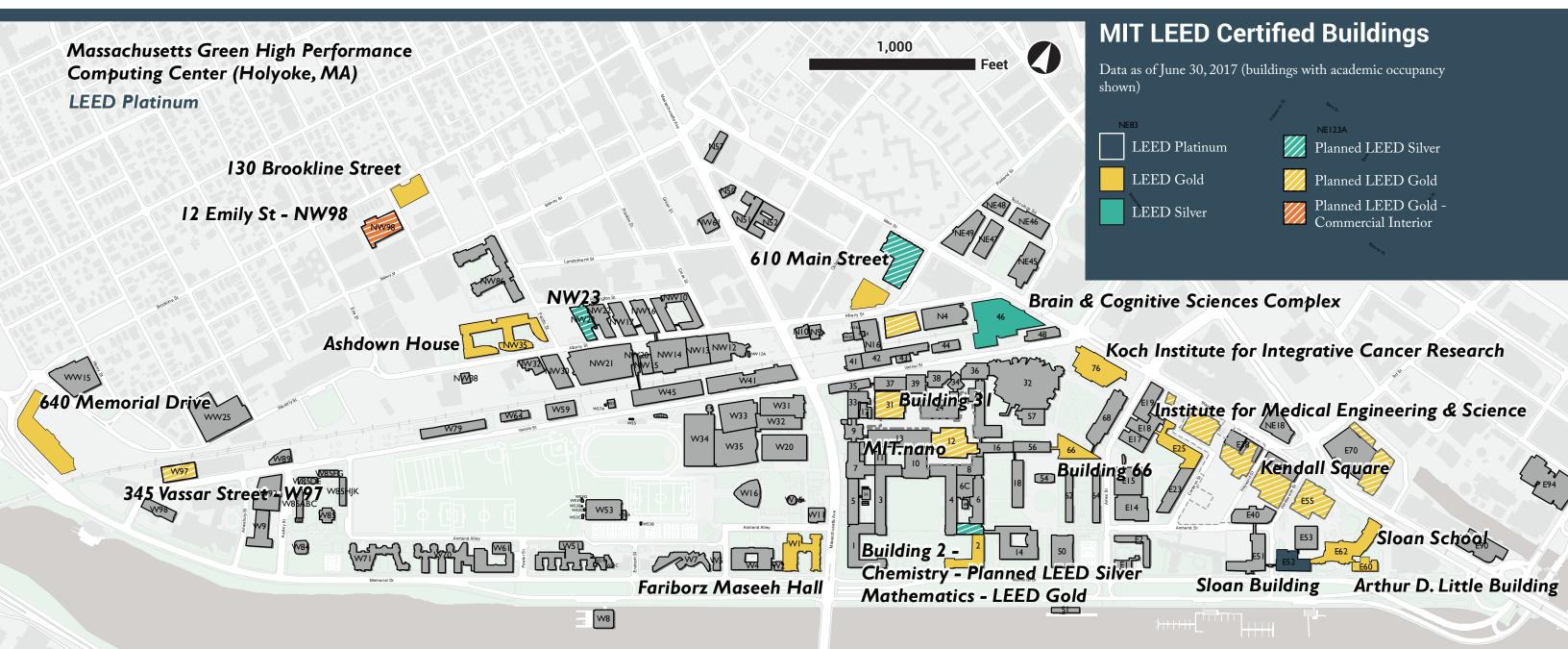
610 Main North



MIT has completed construction of the base building and tenant improvements for Pfizer and Pfizer's sub-tenants at 610 Main Street North, a 280,000 square foot multidisciplinary laboratory facility. MIT has leased the retail spaces along the Main Street edge to four tenants. Sulmona and Café Luna are open for business, and the remaining two tenants, Boston Burger Company and Aveda Salon, are expected to complete their interior work and open in early 2018.



Mechanical Engineering and Aeronautics and Astronautics occupy Building 31. It was one of the highest ranked buildings for deferred maintenance. The scope of this project included reconstructing structural bays, creating new high bay area, and renewing offices, labs and common spaces. An additional 13,000 sf of space was created. The project was completed in August 2017 (just after the Town Gown reporting period).



## In Construction

#### **E40 Center for Transportation & Logistics Renovation**

The Center for Transportation and Logistics (CTL) is preparing to launch MIT's first MicroMaster's program, as well as a new Blended Master's Program. This project will accommodate programmatic needs of these new programs as well as CTLs existing Supply Chain and Logistics Excellence (SCALE) projects and the AgeLab. The program includes improved office and collaborative spaces on the second floor and a new classroom on the 3rd floor to accommodate MITs MicroMasters program. In addition to the program, the project includes building code and ADA/MAAB required upgrades as well as selected infrastructure improvements. Completion is scheduled for December 2017.



#### W70 Renovation

MIT is undertaking a full renovation of the six undergraduate residential houses in W70. The project is currently on track to achieve LEED Gold status and construction is expected to be complete in August 2018 for Fall 2018 reoccupancy.



Dedicated to experimentation and instruction, MIT.nano represents one of the largest commitments to research in MIT's history. The facility will carry the last two decades of nanoscale characterization and investigation into new realms of application and discovery.

This new building, located in the interior of MIT's main campus, will support materials research at the nanoscale and will accommodate top programmatic priorities expressed by the deans of the School of Science and the School of Engineering. MIT.nano will be five stories and 216,000 gross square feet. Construction is projected to be complete by 2018. The project is currently tracking to achieve LEED Gold certification.



# **Central Utility Plant Upgrade**

In this reporting period, the multi-phase Central Utility Plant (CUP) upgrade spans both the "Completed" and "In Construction" categories. Upgrades at the Central Utilities Plant will help MIT lower emissions, improve campus resiliency and sustainability, and create a more flexible power system for incorporating future innovations. The upgrade will provide the additional utilities necessary to support MIT's projected growth through 2030.

## **Completed in Reporting Period**

Modifications were made to the plant's chilled water systems, and the chiller hall housing in Building N16 was expanded. Upgrades include the replacement of five older cooling towers with three more efficient and quieter towers, and two new 2,500 ton chillers. The original expansion was started in 2009 and completed in March 2017.

#### In Construction

Two new gas turbines will provide up to 44MW of power to the campus. The turbines will allow MIT buildings that are served by the CUP to be self-sufficient should there be an extended utility outage. Construction of a new cogeneration plant housing the turbines commenced in the summer of 2017, with the startup and commis sioning planned in October 2019 and cogeneration plant operation in April 2020. The existing gas turbine will be retired when the new plant is fully operational. The new plant building will be located in the existing parking lot south of Albany Street, adjacent to the existing plant and next to MIT's Albany Street parking garage. The build ing will serve as a new entrance to the MIT CUP. The architect for the building is Ellenzweig Associates, the firm that has led the architectural design for MIT's CUP for the past 20+ years.





# In Construction: Kendall Square Initiative

The Kendall Square Initiative includes six buildings: three sites will house office and/or R&D uses, one site will provide graduate student housing, an MIT Welcome Center, and other administrative office uses, one site will house market rate and affordable housing, and one site is proposed as a small retail building. Each building will include retail and/or actives uses on the ground floor. The development also includes a significant publicly-accessible open space south of Main Street, and other landscape improvements throughout.

The project retains and incorporates the three historic buildings along Main Street: the Kendall Building (238 Main Street, E48); the J.L. Hammett Building (264 Main Street, E39) and the Suffolk Building (292 Main Street; E38).

In May 2016, the Planning Board voted unanimously to grant PUD and Article 19 Special Permits for the overall development, and MIT has completed the final design review of buildings on Sites 1, 3, 4, and 5 with the Board.

Construction of the utility infrastructure started in late summer 2016 and is expected to be completed in mid-2018. The project includes new municipal water, sewer, and drain lines; private utility electric, gas, and telephone/data lines;

and MIT electric, telephone/data, steam, and chilled water lines.

Construction of the below-grade garage and loading facilities south of Main Street started in early 2017. This project is expected to continue through 2020, with completion anticipated prior to the occupancy of any of the buildings south of Main Street. Using an "up-down" construction method will enable construction of the buildings from grade up while development of the garage moves from the surface to the lowest level.

Construction on Site 4 started earlier this year with interior abatement, demolition, and structural work to support the tower above. Construction of the new portions of Site 4 and Sites 3 and 5 will follow.

Construction has started on the north side of Main Street with improvements to the existing One Broadway building. This initial phase includes the relocation of the lobby and the addition of new retail space on Third Street and Broadway. Construction of the residential building (Site 1) and additional retail space along Broad Canal Way will follow.





Open Space
Over 1.8 Acres



Residential 450 Graduate & 290 Other



Office 888,000 SQ FT



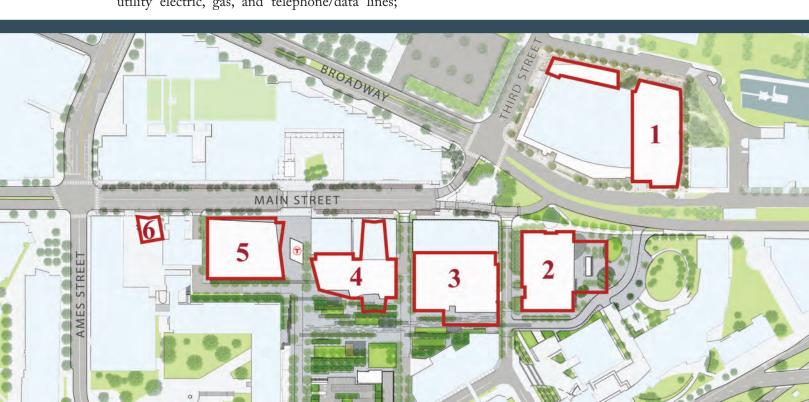
**Retail** 115,000 SQ FT

### My Vision Mural

With construction commencing in Kendall Square, a new 32-panel mural has been installed along Main Street and represents the first phase of the MIT-sponsored multi-year Creative Current initiative with the Community Art Center (CAC). This joint MIT/CAC collaboration is designed to build artistic and professional skills in youth and create connections between Port residents, Kendall Square workers, and the MIT community.

During the first phase of the Creative Current initiative, MIT introduced Community Art Center youth to the work of the architectural and construction industries that make projects such as the Kendall Square Initiative a reality. At site visits, students met with the architectural firm Perkins+Will, as well as Turner Construction to learn about those professions. In addition, youth visited the "Kendall Square Observatory" at the MIT Media Lab to learn about digital platforms dedicated to urban planning.

The learning opportunity culminated in the creation of the "My Vision Mural" (pictured above) which stretches along Main Street in front of Site 3, 4, & 5 construction.



# In Planning & Design

#### MIT Museum in Kendall

The MIT Museum is relocating the publicfacing programs of the Museum to the new Site 5 Building in Kendall Square, directly adjacent to the Kendall/MIT MBTA station. The Museum will occupy part of the ground floor, all of the second and third floors and some space in the basement level. The move to Kendall allows the Museum to nearly double the exhibition areas and provide better public program space that can spill out into the gateway showcasing MIT and engaging the public. Some of the Museum's back of house functions including the Cambridge Science Festival administration, collections research, collections storage and exhibitions assembly will remain in N52. Design for the space is expected to be complete in Summer 2018.

#### **Building 4 Laboratory Renovation**

In the summer of 2018, the Chemistry Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory will relocate from Building 4 to the new MIT.nano building, vacating approximately 20,000 gross square feet on the 4th floor. The relocation of this major teaching laboratory presents the opportunity to fully renovate the space for two departments: the Department of Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences (EAPS) and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (DMSE). In three quarters of the space, EAPS plans to establish world-class wet-lab facilities in support of the department's research in the fields of climate science and atmospheric chemistry. The remaining quarter of the space will be reserved for future wet labs for DMSE. Project completion is expected in 2019.



#### 139 Main Street

In September 2017, MIT completed its acquisition of this historic building from the American National Red Cross. The Institute has started working on designs for the restoration of the building and expects to commence the renovation work in 2018. The building will be leased to office tenants.



s formulating a long-term plan to renew lergraduate residences. This process will e vacating one residence at a time as each novated. The new residence hall will partial replace beds lost from the removal of Bexley the opportunity to cook for themselves. Hall. To provide housing during the renovation process, this project creates a new undergradu ate residence hall with a capacity of 450 beds located on Vassar Street at the current site of the West Garage (W45) and the Grounds Services facility (W56/W57).

The residence hall's design (influenced by the planned for this winter Architectural Principles Document developed by a team of MIT students, faculty heads of house, and staff) includes rooms arranged in "clusters" of 35-38 students in a mix of singles is projected to be and doubles with shared community spaces such as lounges and study rooms. Throughout mer 2020 for Fall se the building, stairways have been located and designed to encourage communication and travel between the clusters. Residents will also

t of its current Capital Renewal Program, enjoy larger shared community spaces such as study lounges, music rooms, a private courtyard, and other flexible spaces. A dining facility on the first floor, open to the MIT community, will include a kitchen area where students will have

> The sustainability goals of the project in clude meeting a minimum LEED v4 Gold certification as well as being solar-ready and Net Zero Ready. Demolition and site preparation are and foundation work is expected to begin in April. Construction completed by Sum mester occupancy.



# In Planning & Design: Volpe Site Redevelopment

A January 2017 agreement between MIT and critical element of the MIT-GSA agreement the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) set into motion a process to redevelop the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center parcel in Kendall Square. The 14acre site is slated to become a mixed-use district with housing, retail, open space, community space, and commercial and lab space — creatlast undeveloped parcels in Kendall Square. A

is that the Institute will design and construct a new Volpe headquarters on four acres of the site before it develops the remaining ten acres. Volpe officials and MIT staff are working with architectural firm Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill to design the new federal building and have also hired the same landscape architect — Reeding a new vibrant hub of activity on one of the Hilderbrand — in an effort to optimize the seamlessness of the overall development.

### **Volpe: By the Numbers**

The collaboratively-developed Volpe rede velopment proposal includes:



#### **Open Space**

**Approximately** 2.5 acres



#### **Commercial**

1.7 million SQ FT including retail and active street uses



#### Residential

1,400 units including: 280 affordable 20 middle income



#### **Retail & Active Uses**

in 65% of ground floor space on main streets



#### **Innovation Space**

5% of space created will be dedicated to entrepreneurship and incubator activity



**Height limits** ranging from 170 feet to 500 feet

### **Community Benefits**

MIT's approved zoning petition also includes commitments to a variety of community ben-

- implementation of a multiuse community path on MIT's property in the Grand Junction railroad corridor;
- creation of an on-site community center with a job connector program;
- contribution toward transit improvement programs;
- support for ongoing innovation arts programs in Kendall Square;
- contribution to Cambridge's fund for non-
- support for ongoing community event programming in Kendall Square.

As required by the City of Cambridge, the project will contribute to the city's Affordable Housing Trust, which provides resources to individuals and families seeking housing. This is in addition to the approximately 300 low- and middle-income units that will be included in the development.

In response to the urging of MIT graduate students and the City Council, MIT's zoning agreement also includes a commitment to build 950 new graduate student units, which will allow the Institute to house more than 50 percent of its current graduate student population on campus.



February - May

Ongoing Meetings

## July - August First Planning Board & Ordinance Committee

Hearings

September – October Planning Board, Ordinance Committee, & City Council

Meetings

#### **Community Process Timeline**

In order to advance this unique and transformational opportunity, MIT hosted more than 80 community meetings to gather input over a nine-month period. The Institute held traditional meetings with presentations and discussions, interactive workshops to promote dialogue, and large-scale events including a block party and a HUBweek showcase called 'MIT/Kendall Square: Innovation Playground,' to demonstrate 'what could be' on the Volpe site.

The Institute also worked closely with the Cambridge Volpe Working Group, which was comprised of residents, business representatives, city staff and officials, and MIT representatives to

prepare a set of "Planning and Design Principles" to guide the redevelopment.

In addition, multiple public meetings and hearings with the Planning Board and the City Council served to shape and steer MIT's zoning petition, which was ultimately approved by City Council October 2017.

## **Next Steps**

MIT and the GSA are proceeding with the de sign of the new Volpe headquarters, with con struction expected to commence in 2019.

In the meantime, MIT will be working to for mulate a planned unit development, or PUD, which will further define the buildings, uses, and spaces for the remaining ten acres. This work will be done in conjunction with the Planning Board and City staff within the context of a public review process. After that, design review for the buildings and the open space will also take place with the Planning Board. MIT hopes

to complete the PUD and design review process over the next few years.

Once built and operating, MIT's Volpe development will contribute an estimated \$23 million in taxes annually to the City of Cambridge on what was previously a tax-exempt site.

More information about the Volpe project is available at volpe.mit.edu.

# Sustainability

MIT is developing campus-scale solutions to the global challenges of a changing planet, while advancing its commitments to academic excellence and building a better world. MIT strengthened its commitment to sustainability leadership this past year via a number of public commitments and new programs that advance urban mobility, greenhouse gas mitigation, climate resiliency, innovation for sustainability and open access to data to advance the campus as a test bed for learning and innovation.

Two highlights that have impacts beyond the and implement leading sustainability practices walls of the Institute include MIT's recent solar power purchase agreement (PPA) bringing large-scale renewable energy into MIT's campus power portfolio, and the announcement of contributed to MIT's continued progress in

Access MIT. MIT rolled out this new vision for commuting by increasing employee incentives for flexible, affordable, and low-carbon commuting while committing to a 10% reduction in parking demand. This past year, MIT's first major renewable energy power purchase was announced and went live accounting for a 9% reduction in emissions from November 2016 -June 2017. MIT representatives have actively shared their PPA experience and knowledge in the local community (and beyond) to support peer institutions and organizations innovate on their campuses and in their organizations.

The PPA was one of several initiatives that have

reducing campus greenhouse gas emissions to advance the Institute's Plan for Action on Climate Change. Diverse programs are underway to achieve the Plan's call for at least a 32% reduction in campus greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2030. Since the baseline year of 2014, emissions have been reduced 16%.

Additional highlights of projects that impact both the campus and city include MIT's efforts on climate resiliency and the emergence of the campus as a test bed for sustainability solutions.

MIT staff continued to play a leadership role in the governance and implementation of the Cambridge Compact for a Sustainable Future through its membership on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and working groups. Highlights for MIT included expanding the boundaries of the Compact's collective impact model through engaging new networks including the Kendall Square Association, Bos-

ton Green Ribbon Commission and new biotech companies, and providing a platform for action on collaborative climate mitigation and resiliency planning.

# **MIT Energy Efficiency Upgrade Projects**

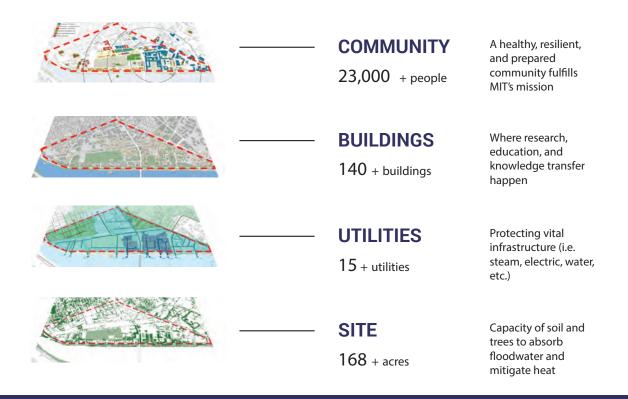
Data as of June 30, 2017 (buildings with academic occupancy shown)

Completed in 2016/2017

In Construction or Planned for 2017/2018

96% of MIT's GHG emissions are from heating, cooling, and powering building structures.





## Layers of Climate Resilience – Integrated Campus + City Scale

Adapting to climate changes requires understanding and solving interdependent challenges across four resiliency systems (site, utilities, buildings, community) while integrating across campus and city scales.

### Climate Resiliency Planning

is vital for addressing collective urban and regional-scale climate challenges of flooding and heat risks. Collaborative activities through this partnership are showcasing how cities and university partners can conduct joint resiliency planning.

Together, MIT and the City are seeking a common understanding of the spatial dimension and extent of rainfall flooding in East Cambridge, in both current and future climates. An integrated risk modeling initiative is connecting campus researchers with city planners and engineers to generate more refined maps of Cambridge and MIT climate vulnerabilities.

MIT's partnership with the City of Cambridge In parallel with the risk modeling, the City and MIT hosted a Cambridge Compact event in June 2017 with representatives from 20 Cambridge businesses to identify opportunities for resiliency planning collaboration. A consensus emerged that businesses are eager to collaborate to strengthen continuity of business and research operations in the face of climate change. MIT, the City, Harvard, Novartis and Boston Properties are now planning a winter 2018 tabletop exercise with Cambridge businesses to identify business and research continuity risks and opportunities. The findings will inform collaborative adaptation planning such as shared service agreements for partners city-wide.



# **Campus Sustainability Incubator Fund**

Transforming the Campus into an Urban Living Lab

The Campus Sustainability Incubator Fund, first round of funding was awarded in summer launched by the MIT Office of Sustainability 2017 to four project teams led, respectively, by in Spring 2017, provides seed funds to select Kripa Varanasi of the Department of Mechani teams of students, faculty, and researchers to ex cal Engineering, Randy Kirchain and Jeremy plore the physical operations and social context Gregory of the Concrete Sustainability Hub, in which they are working, living and learning Lisa Anderson of the Department of Chemical at MIT. The fund was made possible through a Engineering, and Danielle Dahan of the Center generous gift from Malcom M. Strandberg. The for Energy and Environmental Policy Research.

#### **Looking Forward**

In FY2018, MIT is continuing to collaborate with multi-disciplinary partners across the City and Institute to ensure success into the future. We will continue to seek collective engagement in the areas of:

Climate change: forging ahead with strategies for mitigation, adaptation and resiliency;

Sustainable transportation: broadening and deepening MIT's commitment and robust participation in Access MIT;

Data collection and analysis: launching the centralized sustainability data hub to inform and learn from our decision-making processes and institutional impacts;

Food and culture: exploring ways to connect the campus food system to community health, sustainable agriculture and climate change;

Sustainable design & construction: continuing to ensure that we have access to the knowledge and processes needed to enable our campus growth while minimizing our impacts;

Stormwater and ecological land management: seeking an understanding as to how the ecological systems of our urban campus perform and how we prepare for a changing climate;

Water: seeking a comprehensive understanding of our use patterns in an efforts to reduce overall demand and consumption across campus and thus contributing to the affiliated risks for the watershed.

Leveraging the campus as a test bed for research: innovation and teaching that lead to improved understanding of the systems at hand and deeply informed decision-making.

# MIT & Cambridge Public Schools

MIT extends its mission to advance knowledge through a variety of academic enrichment opportunities for Cambridge students, and continues to work with Cambridge Public Schools to deepen engagement and participation. In this reporting period, MIT launched an Impact Scholarship program, started building the Pathways to Invention program, and hired a K-12 Community Outreach Administrator to strengthen coordination and communications around Institute educational offerings for local youth.

# MIT Impact Scholarship

During the MIT2016 celebration commemo rating 100 years in Cambridge, the Institute an nounced a new scholarship program for collegebound Cambridge seniors attending Cambridge School of Cambridge (CCSC). Created to rec ognize and inspire the power of personal impact and decision process in the spring of 2017. for Cambridge youth, the MIT Impact Scholar ship also served to reinforce MIT's belief that every individual has the ability to make valuable personal contributions that make the world a better place.

Working closely with the administrative staff ists for MIT's consideration. After a full review of the three high schools, MIT Admissions, of applicant information and essays, ten \$10,000 and Student Financial Services, the Office of MIT Impact Scholarships (six at CRLS, two at Government and Community Relations de PHA, and two at CCSC) were awarded pend veloped guidelines for award criteria, selection, ing confirmation of continuing full-time college distribution, oversight, and administration. The enrollment.

first organizational meeting in October 2016 provided a founda tion of understanding which was followed by detailed discussions to ensure students at Rindge & Latin School (CRLS), Prospect Hill each school had an equitable opportunity to be Academy (PHA), and the Community Charter awarded a scholarship. With all stakeholders in agreement, MIT launched the first application

> The inaugural application process resulted in 85 total applications, estimated 20% of graduating Cambridge seniors applying for consideration. With the help of high school administration, the applicants were narrowed down to 14 final



#### **Pathways to Invention**

As part of The Engine, MIT created "Path- Lemelson-MIT Adviways to Invention" with the City of Cambridge in 2016, designed to give Cambridge schoolchildren at the Fletcher Maynard Academy (FMA) hands-on experiences that introduce Space to house program them to the work of invention and to the college and career paths that lead to it. This past year, MIT staff curated and ran several key activities between Lemelson-MIT, such as a professional development workshop FMA, and Rindge School for educators and a Balloon Tower Challenge of Technical Arts at CRLS for FMA 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. As part of to ensure safety training for the continuing organization of the program, a students working with tools.

sory Team was created and the FMA dedicated a Basement Invention activities. Lastly, there is continued collaboration

# K-12 Outreach Administrator

As part of the MIT2016 celebration, MIT announced the creation of a K-12 Community Outreach Administrator to help the Institute's more than 120 educational outreach programs better connect with the needs of the Cambridge community. To accomplish this goal, the Administrator will be a proactive liaison to strengthen lines of communication between MIT and the Cambridge Public Schools, community based organizations, Cambridge charter schools, Cambridge out-of-school time offerings and other educational programs. Addition-

ally, the administrator will work in collaboration with local partners and will sit on the city-wide STEAM advisory board to further develop MIT's understanding of the needs of local K-12 students, including perceived educational gaps and opportunities. To that end, the administrator is currently connecting with MIT and Cambridge partners as part of an initial listening tour to obtain input about what is most needed and where there might be opportunities for the Institute to engage.

### Selected K-12 Educational Offerings

#### Office of Digital Learning

Leading MIT's effort to provide universal access to quality education through online platforms. https://openlearning.mit.edu

#### **Cambridge Science Festival**

Offering over 250 STEM events during the 10day festival in Cambridge.

https://www.cambridgesciencefestival.org/

#### MIT Museum

Hands-on STEAM workshops and field trip opportunities for students in grades 6-12. https://mitmuseum.mit.edu/

#### **Summer Youth Employment Program**

Mentoring, resume workshops, and workplace experience for City youth.

#### **Edgerton Center**

Fun, 3-hour hands-on STEM workshops that reach over 500 Cambridge students a year. https://edgerton.mit.edu/

#### **Lemelson Center**

Offers programs that teach STEM through invention-based design activities.

https://lemelson.mit.edu/

#### MIT Center for Arts, Science, & Technology

Features Artist in Residence workshops to demonstrate the integration of arts in STEAM. https://arts.mit.edu/cast/

#### **KeyPals and NetPals**

Mentorship program pairing adults with Cambridge students for one-on-one e-mail exchanges.

# **Direct Economic Impact**

Payments to the City of Cambridge							
	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17		
Real Estate Taxes Paid*	\$38,656,349	\$41,878,455	\$44,900,590	\$50,185,924	\$54,891,906		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)**	\$2,210,567	\$2,208,979	\$2,019,677	\$2,020,593	\$2,080,717		
Water & Sewer Fees Paid	\$5,658,543	\$5,993,315	\$6,99,916	\$8,898,350	\$8,315,850		
Other Fees & Permits Paid	\$2,003,749	\$6,042,590	\$3,765,563	\$6,754,417	\$5,644,924		
Total Payments	\$48,529,208	\$56,123,339	\$57,685,746	\$67,859,284	\$70,933,397		

<sup>\*</sup> Includes real estate taxes paid by MIT, taxes paid on MIT-owned property through ground leases, and real estate taxes generated by Independent Living Groups.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The amount of MIT's PILOT payment is governed by the 2004 agreement between MIT and the City of Cambridge.



## **Cambridge First Purchasing Program**

MIT's Cambridge First Purchasing Program resulted in the additional investment of over \$66.1 million in Cambridge businesses in FY 17. This program, together with taxes paid, payments in lieu of taxes, and municipal fees, brought MIT's 2017 direct economic contribution to the City to more than \$137 million. This figure does not include MIT's indirect investment in Cambridge such as student spending and the salaries of more than 2,500 residents employed by the Institute.

#### **Innovation Economy by the Numbers**



794 inventions were disclosed by MIT in FY2017 with 296 patents issued. There has been a 40% increase in technology disclosures received in the last 10 years.



Over 700 companies are collaborating with MIT faculty and students on projects of mutual interest. 500 of those companies are within walking distance.



31% of companies founded by MIT alumni are based in Massachusetts with 8% choosing Cambridge - the highest proportion of any city in the world.

# The Engine

The Engine — a new venture launched by MIT in 2016 — has made significant early progress in its mission of supporting 'tough tech' startups. Headquartered in Central Square, The Engine established its organizational and leadership structure, developed its policies and procedures, raised \$200 million in investment funds, and identified its first seven startups. Analytical Space, Baseload Renewables, C2Sense, iSee, Kytopen, Suono Bio, and Via Separations are developing innova tions poised for transformative impact on aerospace, renewable energy, synthetic biology, medicine, and other sectors.

The seven founding startups are utilizing the three floors at the 501 Massachusetts Avenue location — including conference rooms, makerspaces, labs with cutting-edge equipment, computer stations, and other amenities — to advance their inventions.

The Engine combines funding and an open network of technical facilities to provide stable financial support ("patient capital") and access to costly resources. It focuses on startups developing "tough" technologies — breakthrough ideas that require time to commercialize — in a range of sectors including robotics, manufacturing and materials, health, biotechnology, and energy.

#### On the Back:

On October 31, 1979, a group of MIT hackers "rescued" a life-sized fiberglass steer from the Hill-top Steakhouse in Saugus, Massachusetts and transported him to his new home atop the Great Dome. When "Ferdi" was returned to his owners at the Hilltop, management placed a mortar board on his head and a diploma in his mouth. Ferdi has since been donated to the MIT museum and currently grazes above the Forbes Family Cafe in the Ray and Maria Stata Center (Building 32).

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