

THE PROJECT

The Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) is implementing a new academic plan which will have an impact on facilities. HGSE has been identified by Harvard University as one of the professional schools that could be relocated to land the University will be developing in Allston. DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) and the architecture firm Tsoi Kobus Associates were retained by Harvard University's Allston Development Group to study the facility needs of HGSE and the physical implications of meeting those needs either in its current Cambridge location or in the University's expanded Allston campus.

CHALLENGE

HGSE now occupies six buildings that it owns, supplemented by leased space in five other buildings. This fragmented campus does not provide sufficient space nor does it support HGSE's desired academic associations and collegial interaction. A significant issue is the campus Harvard Square setting, urban and tightly-regulated, with limited new development opportunities.

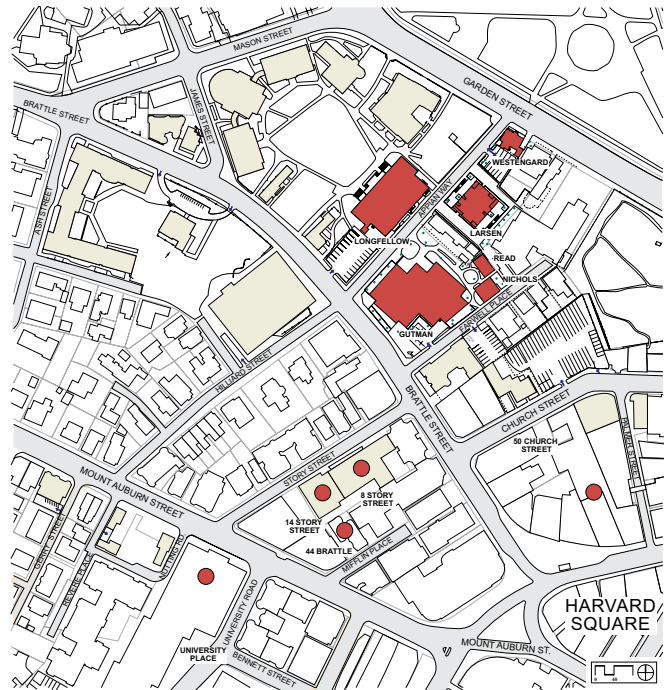
SOLUTION

The facility planning was based on HGSE's vision for the future. The process was informed by an assessment of existing facilities and through a series of interviews with a wide range of School constituents, including faculty, staff, students, and alumni; and with representatives from other Harvard schools where there are opportunities for collaboration.

Several ways to accommodate the needed space in a combination of new, owned, and leased space as well as in all new space were developed by Tsoi Kobus and Associates, the architects on the planning and programming team. All of the alternatives sought to heighten HGSE's identity, to improve functional and intellectual adjacencies, and to provide full facility support for the three basic elements of HGSE's programs: instruction, research, professional development and service to the nation's educational community.

RESULTS

DLM provided follow-up services to HGSE to fine-tune the facility program. The HGSE development plan will be factored into the University's overarching plan for its expansion in Allston. Near term improvements will proceed balanced with HGSE and University long-range plans.



■ HGSE Buildings ● Space Leased by HGSE ■ Harvard University Buildings
HGSE CAMPUS AND ENVIRONS

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