

## Temple Place

Cambridge, MA



**F**orty-two units of affordable rental housing will soon replace an abandoned pool and classroom building in the heart of Cambridge's busy Central Square area. Co-developed by the Cambridge YWCA and the Cambridge Housing Authority (CHA), the LEED-rated building will leverage affordable housing tax credits, transit-oriented funding and the city's affordable housing trust. Following several failed attempts to develop the YWCA's underused property over the past two decades, the affordable housing will further the Y's mission of service to women and families and help to reduce the CHA's waiting list for affordable housing.

HMFH's design of this seven-story building will transform both the streetscape and the YWCA campus by providing an active use along Temple Street and an accessible entrance court that unifies the new and existing buildings around a green space. The LEED Silver building will include a green roof, high-efficiency systems, bamboo flooring, recycled materials, and covered on-site bicycle parking. With a mix of predominantly one- and two-bedroom units, plus several designed for universal access and sensory impairments, Temple Place will be a significant addition to the city's goal of socially and environmental responsible housing.