

The MERC at Moody & Main / Waltham, Massachusetts



Owner:
Northland Investment Corp.

Architect:
Stantec (formerly ADD Inc.)

Area:
436,000sf

Units:
269 (27 affordable)

Duration:
25 Months

Type:
New Construction



This new smart growth, transit-oriented development is located at the busy intersection of Moody Street and Main Street in downtown Waltham.

The MERC at Moody & Main occupies a 4.5 acre site with three 5-story buildings -- four stories of wood-framed residential over a steel podium. This new "neighborhood" is bringing vitality to the area that can only come from a 24-hour use where people live, work, and play.

This project was challenged by a very tight site, with limited laydown area, bordered by two busy commuter roads. Construction was phased to permit two banks onsite to continue operating.

The MERC was designed to respect the historic character of Waltham's downtown with masonry facades and large windows. It incorporates the latest sustainable principles.

