



# WAVERLEY WOODS

Affirmative Investments retained Davis Square Architects for the design of 40 affordable family units on a tight, steeply-sloped site (a 36-foot grade change from front to back) in Belmont, MA. After considering a variety of approaches, the design team arrived at a dramatically terraced scheme with the 40 units distributed throughout six buildings. A new stone-faced retaining wall also provides an attractive “gateway” into Belmont. Wayfinding, graphics and signage were also part of the project scope.

The structures and site are designed to exceed the Massachusetts DHCD standards for sustainable and accessible housing, with all units built to ENERGY STAR® Home standards. They have also been carefully detailed to fit into the scale and vocabulary of Belmont’s finest homes. ■

## LOCATION

Belmont, MA

## DEVELOPER

Affirmative Investments

## SCOPE

New construction  
Transit-oriented design  
40 units



## AWARD-WINNING

Boston Society of Architects “John M. Clancy” award for Socially Responsible Housing, Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition “Charles Edson Tax Credit Excellence” (Honorable Mention), ABC Excellence in Construction “Residential” & “Green” award, Real Estate & Construction Review’s “Green Building of America” award



## SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

All units built to ENERGY STAR® Home standards



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