

ZEPHYR ARCHITECTS

40-42 Terrace St



At 40 Terrace Avenue, our primary challenge was creating a functional, affordable space for artists that seamlessly integrates with the urban environment. The vertical knotty wood cladding and robust brick base were chosen to blend contemporary materials with the historical character of Roxbury, enhancing both the building's height and its connection to the community. This use of materials balances texture and warmth, establishing a thoughtful connection between modern design and traditional architecture.

The interior design focused on maximizing natural light through large, strategically placed windows to create an ideal working environment for artists. The ground-floor gallery plays a key role in engaging the community by fostering interaction between residents and passersby, activating the streetscape. The transparent frontage of the gallery invites public engagement, offering a space for artistic and cultural exchange while maintaining a seamless integration with the neighborhood.

Location

Mission Hill, Boston, MA

Use

Mixed Use Artist Housing

Size

9,300 sq.ft

Cost

\$2.7 Million

Constraints

Adjacent to Train Tracks