

FSILG Village Facility Design Task Force

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Goals

- Review facility options for proposed FSILG village incorporation into West Campus Development
- Meet diverse needs of FSILG groups
- Create a strong environment for the growth of FSILG community and a central point for FSILGs within the west campus of MIT
- Better integrate FSILGs into MIT student life

Proposed Village Layout

- Semi-detached vertical structures with central quadrangle (green space)
- Separate entrances to individual living groups but with provisions for shared common space and resources (Basement, ground levels)
- Mix of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups

Size

- Anticipate 5 to 6 story townhouses to accommodate house needs
- Target occupancy between 40 to 50
- Meet all specifications to allow freshmen to live in the village
- Provide some flexibility for each groups' needs
 - Ensure lockable access points across floors to maintain high occupancy rates (card swipes)

Floor Plans

- Living space on upper floors, expectation that all beds will be filled
- Design for 10 -13 beds per floor
- Allow some individual design modifications by FSILG groups with room layout, examples:
 - Able to turn two singles into a two room double
 - Able to turn two room triple into a two room double or quad (based on housing needs)
- Small hallway common room on each floor

Residential Floor Bathrooms

- Large shared bathroom on each floor
 - Two to Three shower units per floor
 - Two toilets and either a third toilet or a separate urinal per floor
 - Double vanity central sink

Utilities

- Install shared systems as much as possible
 - Maintenance by Co-Op or MIT
- Keep individual meters for houses
 - Electricity, etc.
- Stress function and ease of maintenance given current generation needs and skills

Faculty House Master and RA

- Build larger space within the village to accommodate a Faculty House Master for the FSILG Village as a whole
- GRA accommodations within each individual house

Dining

- Shared central large kitchen or commercial catering prep space
 - MIT food catering services or Shared FSILG catering staff
- Each FSILG with its own dining space
 - House meals important part of FSILG experience for most
- Each FSILG to have an individual kitchen (like a single family home or as recently renovated in New House for affinity groups) that allows individual or small group meal prep, breakfast, etc.

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Laundry and Elevators

- Large laundromat style facility in underground shared common space
- Shared Elevators across adjacent houses

Roof Decks

- Each house with own roof deck
- Permitted on campus
- Most dormitories have them with resident access
- Will provide beautiful views of Boston skyline
- Install with adequate safeguards
 - Install large railings at least 3 to 4 feet back from wall at edge of roof
 - Keycard access only from stairwell of each house
 - Shut down roof decks at midnight (RA if needed)
 - Self-imposed ban to minimize liability risks

Shared Social/Meeting Space

- Larger shared social space to host joint functions, parties and large meetings
 - Can also be open to MIT community for large events as needed

Study Space

- Include multiple study/conference rooms equipped with AV needs and white board
- West campus lacking large study space outside of student center
- Have multiple within the shared underground common space and smaller ones within the residential floors