

**LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Recognizing that the University community was not well served nor was it well reflected by the existing conditions of its campus, Wesleyan retained Towers|Golde as Campus Landscape Architects in 1990. The first planning effort was an inventory and assessment of the existing conditions of the campus and the forces and planning decisions that had shaped it. The resultant report concluded with findings and recommendations on issues of campus structure, circulation, plantings, property acquisition, maintenance, and site vocabulary.

These issues were then addressed as a part of a broader strategic planning process which integrated physical planning with academic and financial planning. Towers|Golde was responsible for the site planning and landscape design component of this effort which relied heavily on the earlier T|G recommendations.

CLIENT	<i>Wesleyan University</i>
LOCATION	<i>Middletown, Connecticut</i>
PROJECT AREA	<i>180 acres</i>
PLANNERS	<i>Parsons Consulting Group Ayers Saint Gross</i>



Channing Harris

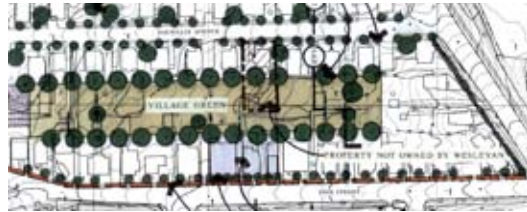


**REID HOUSE  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Wesleyan's new Admissions Office is sited in the heart of the campus, linking the central core to the arts district. Converted from a residence, it is designed to be welcoming at a domestic scale, while at second glance features high quality, more modern detailing. After being directed through the historic entry of the University, the first-time visitor has a clear sense of arrival here, with distinctive signage and easily accessible parking, set off with a special landscape treatment.

As Landscape Master Planners for the University, Towers|Golde's role included developing the design in the appropriate context and vocabulary, creating a generous outdoor 'vestibule' terrace, where group tours can be addressed and visitors have a view of the central campus green space. The accessible terrace features traditional bluestone paving, teak benches and unique bronze handrails.

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LOCATION	<i>Middletown, Connecticut</i>
ARCHITECT	<i>Perry Dean Rogers &amp; Partners</i>



**THE VILLAGE  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

Independent living has been a much cherished tradition of undergraduate life at Wesleyan, but until recently the physical conditions of the much of the housing did little to foster a sense of University community or the public image of the institution.

Towers|Golde's master plan and implementation designs for The Village have created an identifiable complex of restored housing and greatly enhanced the undergraduate residential experience. A controlled palette of historically sensitive paint colors, restored architectural elements and common landscape features unite the disparate housing stock. A major internal green, newly created from multiple individual rear yards, provides common recreational space, while new through pathways and campus lighting link the complex, both physically and psychologically, to the adjacent central campus.

CLIENT	<i>Wesleyan University</i>
LOCATION	<i>Middletown, Connecticut</i>
PROJECT AREA	<i>12 acres</i>



Nick Wheeler



**FREEMAN ATHLETIC CENTER  
WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

The new athletic complex at Wesleyan brings together the sports facilities of the campus in a cluster of buildings linked by common social and administrative spaces. The complex includes a new field house and natorium linked to a pre-existing hockey rink. The site sports facilities include an eight-lane 400-meter track, associated field event venues, and a competition soccer field. Other site amenities include a team and visitors' drop off, parking, and circulation connections to adjacent playing fields.

Towers|Golde was responsible for all landscape design and site/civil engineering, including environmental approvals for stormwater management and stream restoration work.

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LOCATION	<i>Middletown, Connecticut</i>
ARCHITECT	<i>Herbert S. Newman &amp; Partners</i>