



Lafayette City Center

Downtown Crossing, Boston

- **TYPE**
Commercial
- **SIZE**
3,000 sq. ft.
- **COMPLETION**
Spring 2016

Lush foliage integrated into custom oak benches in this courtyard provide a peaceful place to enjoy a break.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Landscape Architect
Ground, Inc.

Engineer
Stantec

Green Roof Type
Intensive

Plant Type(s)
Trees, Grasses, Shrubs, Groundcover

Green Roof Components
ZinCo USA

Green Roof Installer
Recover Green Roofs

Irrigation Installer
Recover Green Roofs

Seatwall Fabrication
Recover Green Roofs

Precast Concrete
Northern Design



Top left to bottom right: Flexible seating surrounded by vegetation creates a cozy lunch nook / Planters with serviceberry trees are integrated into custom North American oak benches / Perennials overhang oak benches, softening the edges of the plaza // Images by Patrick Rogers Photography

This renovation project at Lafayette City Center was designed by Ground Inc. landscape architects with the goal of transforming a central hardscape plaza into an inspiring common space for a large commercial building in Downtown Crossing.

Recover designed and installed three large garden beds of varying topography with a diversity of plants. Thirty-six inch deep growing media allows serviceberry trees, grasses, and woody and herbaceous perennials to thrive. Recover installed seatwalls of thermally modified FSC-certified North American oak to line the beds, integrating several planter openings for serviceberry trees to create a canopy over seating areas.