

THE PROJECT

Suffolk University is located in downtown Boston, in space that is severely constrained. To alleviate this situation, the University acquired a new, multistory building. As part of this venture, DOBER LIDSKY MATHEY (DLM) was retained to assess the overall space needs of the University and determine ways to assign space in the new facility, as well as the resulting, vacated space.

CHALLENGE

Most of the space in the new building is currently leased to commercial tenants. Some of the areas will remain leased for five or more years. The challenge was to determine uses for the new building that were compatible with lease expiration dates not only in the new building, but also in space that the University was leasing from others at that time.

SOLUTION

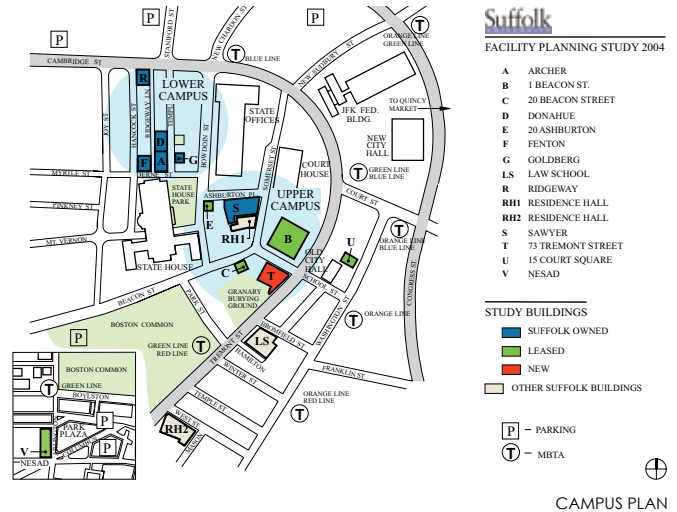
The study included all nonresidential University space with the exception of the Suffolk Law School. DLM interviewed each administrative and academic unit to get an overall sense of space needs. With this background, two allocation goals were developed. One was a strategy for relocating functions to the new building from space that was then leased by the University. The second goal was to suggest units that might move to the new building from University-owned facilities and recommend appropriate uses for the vacated space.

From a campus design viewpoint, acquisition of the new building changes the campus focus, the interaction of departments, circulation of students, and the symbolic identity of the University. The affect of this impacted the reallocation strategy.

RESULTS

The University is proceeding with plans to vacate leased space and will relocate units from University-owned buildings as space in the new building becomes available.

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