

Waverley Hall



Built circa 1885, the 6-story building at 115 Mt Auburn Street, known as Waverley Hall, is a historic masonry building and part of the Harvard Square Historic District, City of Cambridge. Until recently, the building was partially occupied but in disrepair. The new owner wanted to renovate the historic structure and retain its residential use by creating functional and modern studio apartments in the heart of Harvard Square. In 2014, Hereva was brought in to facilitate a restructuring of the team and to revive the design and construction schedule with the client's commercial goals in mind.

The goal was to completely restore the structure and entire envelope of this Cambridge landmark building, maintaining the historic façade and other architectural details. Working closely with Cambridge Historic Commission, the team carefully restored the original façade details, including brick, masonry and stained glass and replaced the ornate cornice at the roof.

The many challenges of this project included the on-going design review of the antique masonry, the logistics of working in a dense urban area and next to the Harvard MBTA electrical vehicle turnaround (overhead cables restricted site access) and within the limits of the renovation requirements.

The project was completed in 2017 and is now a residential building offering boutique micro living spaces.

In 2018, Waverley Hall was awarded the City of Cambridge Historic Preservation Award by the Cambridge Historical Commission. The project was recognized for the exceptional quality of the work, and extent to which the project contributed to the preservation of the property.

The 22nd annual awards were presented by the Historical Commission at Story Chapel at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA in conjunction with National Preservation Month.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Client	Confidential
Project	Waverley Hall
Location	Cambridge, MA
SF	30,000
Type	Historic Renovation
Industry	Residential, Development
Timeframe	2014 - 2017
Architect	Analogue Studio, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (envelope consultant)
CM	Siena Construction
Hereva Team	Patrick Gallagher Robin Dorogusker Steve McCarthy