

The Christ Hospital

CINCINNATI, OHIO

YEAR 2011–2015

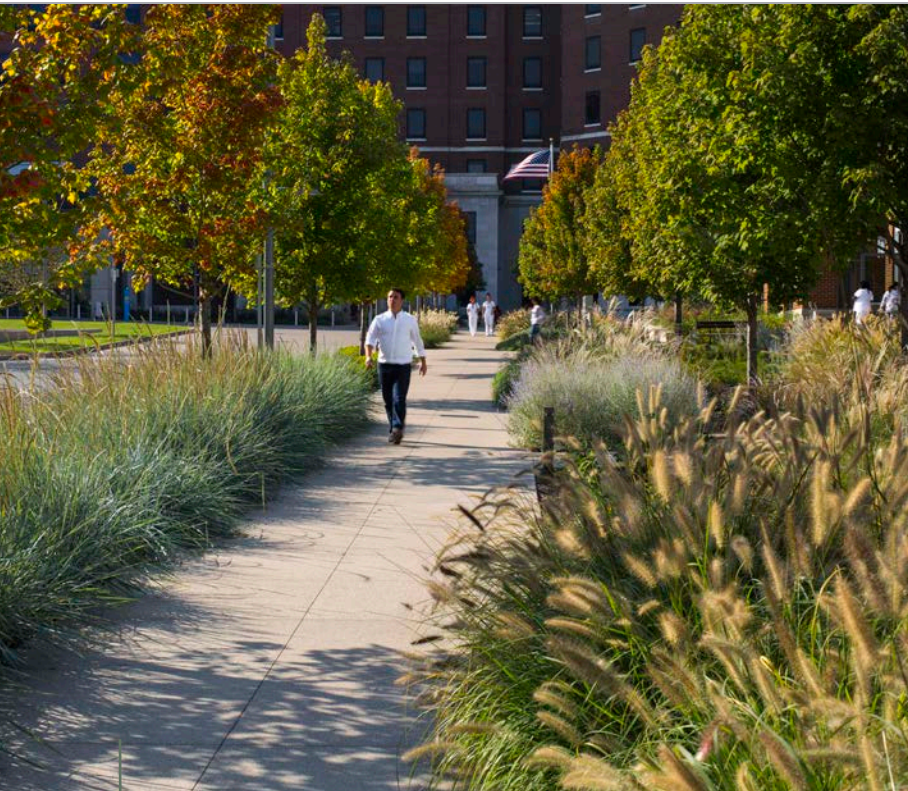
SIZE 8 acres

USE Healthcare campus, accessibility, gathering areas, outdoor seating

THEMES Improve Health Outcomes

Regional and Adaptive Planting

Campus Clarity + Cohesion



- + A series of landscaped courts dedicated to a wide array of departments and users provides outlets for gathering, waiting, reflecting, and healing.
- + Implementing cutting-edge sustainability practices, an optimized campus experience, and enhanced accessibility and circulation all contribute to the ultimate success of the design.
- + New multimodal pathways, sensory planting, courtyards, and a roof deck contribute to a campus experience that optimizes patient and staff health and wellness. The improvements help reduce the stress of healthcare services through clarity of approach and circulation, and opportunities to interact with the healing properties of nature in both indoor and outdoor settings.

MAJOR AWARDS

2017 BSLA Honor Award in Design

2016 AIA Healthcare Design Award

Tucked into an historic neighborhood, the scale and approach to the existing hospital was oriented solely to the vehicle, leaving little room for pedestrian access, and few places for shelter or protection. New multimodal pathways at the entrance realign the balance between cars and people. Sweeping street trees and sensory planting is layered along the approach, with wide and welcoming sidewalks. The parking areas offer a more welcoming entry and planted rain gardens replace much of the impervious asphalt. New interior planted courtyards serve a dual purpose, offering respite for staff and visitors and framed views of nature for interior occupants. A planted roof deck is an oasis from the busy stress of the interior workings of the hospital.

