

ALDEN STREET

Ornamental Fence and Plantings
Springfield College, Springfield,
Massachusetts

Project Data

Date: 2010
Size ±1,200 LF
Context: Centrally located in
downtown Westerly, Rhode
Island
Construction Date: 2010



Existing conditions photograph



Photographic rendering with proposed fence and plantings



Fence is complete with Phase I plantings installed

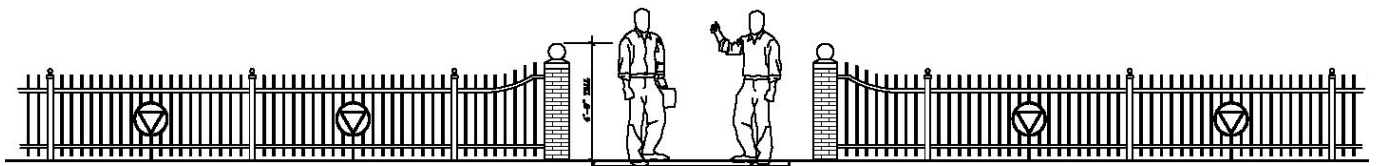
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Alden Street, a public street, is one of the major pedestrian and vehicular spines within the Springfield College campus. The southern side of the street was adorned with an old 4'-high rusty chain link fence and a mature, sporadic privet hedge in poor condition. The visual presence and aesthetic character of this outdated lineal feature needed to be updated and improved.

Springfield College hired EDC with Anne Wellington to develop a plan to improve the visual character of Alden Street with a new ornamental iron fence, hedge and visually interesting plantings, while controlling points of pedestrian and vehicular access onto the campus. A series of schematic designs for the iron fence adorned with brick end-posts at the drives and walks were developed to illustrate several alternatives. Existing condition photographs were overlaid electronically with the proposed design alternatives to visually illustrate how each design would look. The final design was detailed for construction and included the ornamental iron fence adorned with the college's logo and brick end-posts, a low yew hedge, and multi-seasonal flowering shrubs, perennials, and spring-flowering bulbs for embellishment. The yew hedge will be maintained below the height of the 3' tall fence. Approximately 1,350 LF fence and plantings were installed, resulting in a significant visual improvement along Alden Street.



Completed ornamental iron fence with brick end-posts along Alden Street



Elevation of proposed fence