

Inspired by the geology of the Piedmont plateau and the rocky gorges of Great Falls, Neal Place Park incorporates sculptural stone elements, native Piedmont plantings, and an angular paving scheme into the vibrant Union Market neighborhood in Washington, D.C.

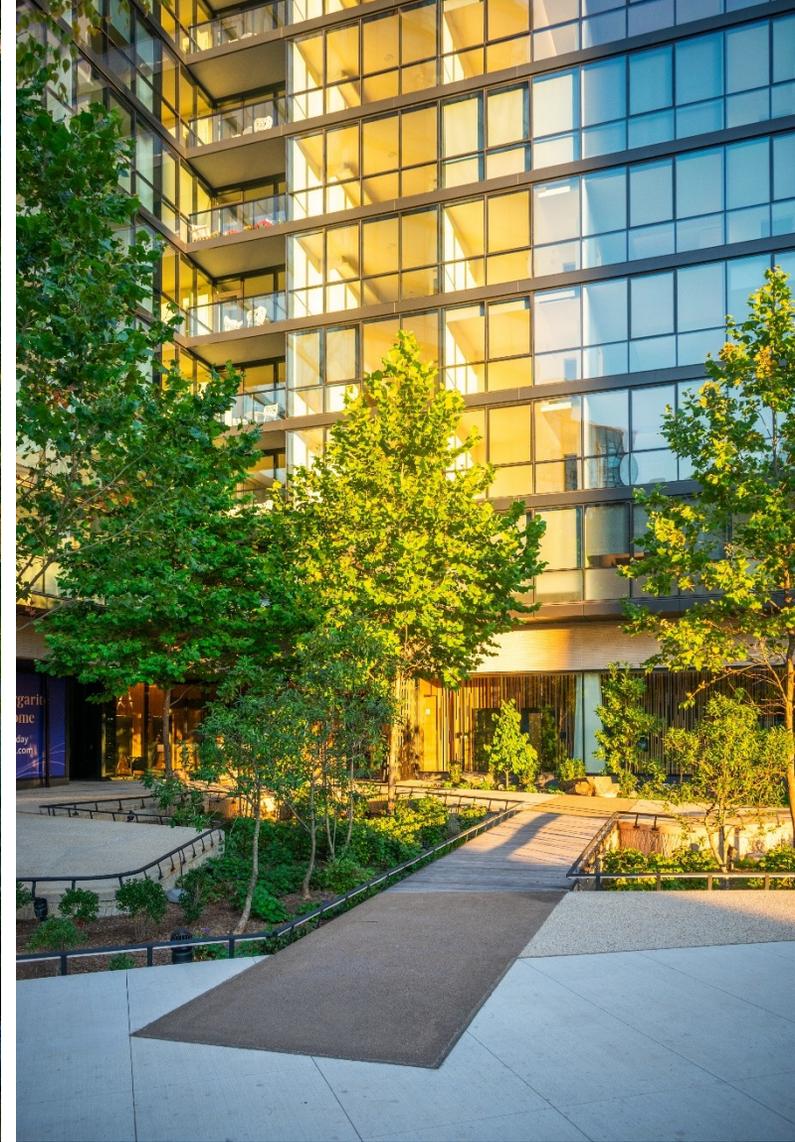
The 11,500 square foot park and plaza was developed in tandem with the residential building Grosvenor Union Market, and is complemented by a series of on-structure landscapes. Across these spaces, the planting design incorporates pollinator-friendly native species, including pawpaw, sycamore, winterberry, spicebush, and dense blazing star. The building's ground and third-floor terraces slow and treat stormwater runoff, working in tandem with the penthouse-level green roof to reduce urban heat island effect in the surrounding area while providing micro-habitats for birds and insects.

New developments in the city must meet stringent sustainability requirements, including a “Green Area Ratio (GAR)” score which quantifies a project's ability to reduce stormwater runoff, improve air quality, and cool the city. At Grosvenor Union Market and Neal Place Park, the design team achieved a GAR score of nearly three times the requirement through a careful synthesis of design and hydrologic engineering.



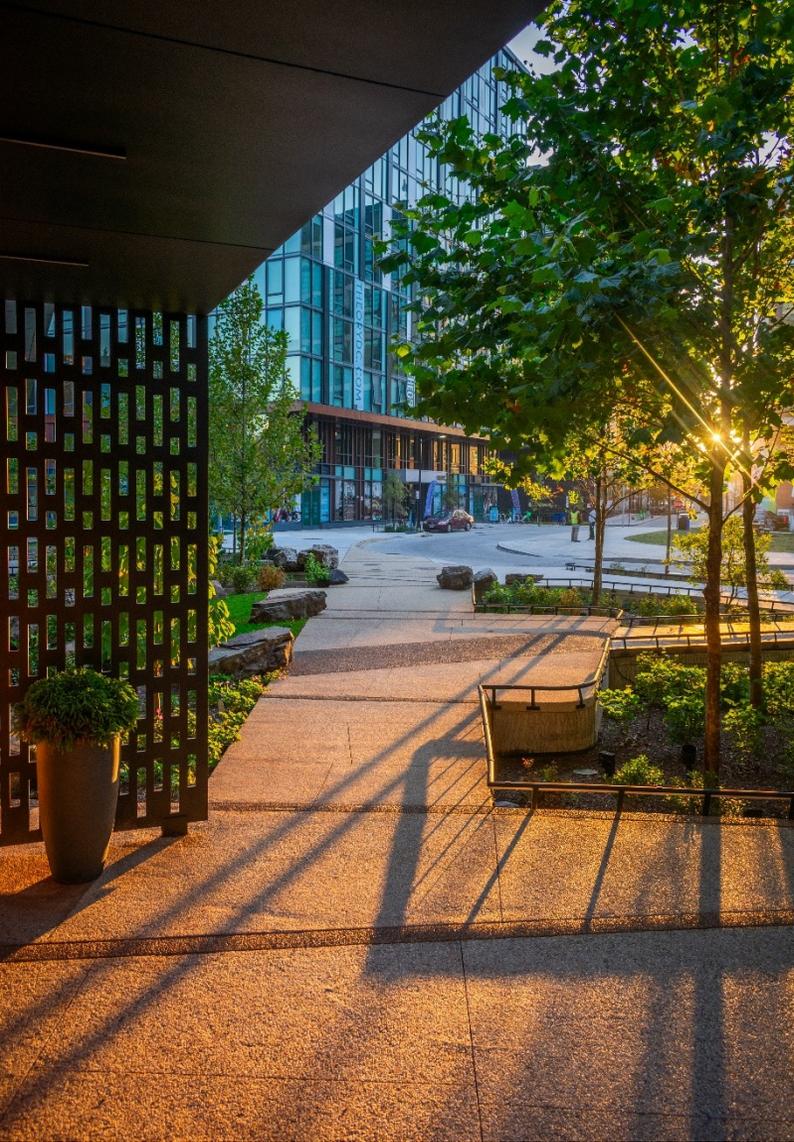
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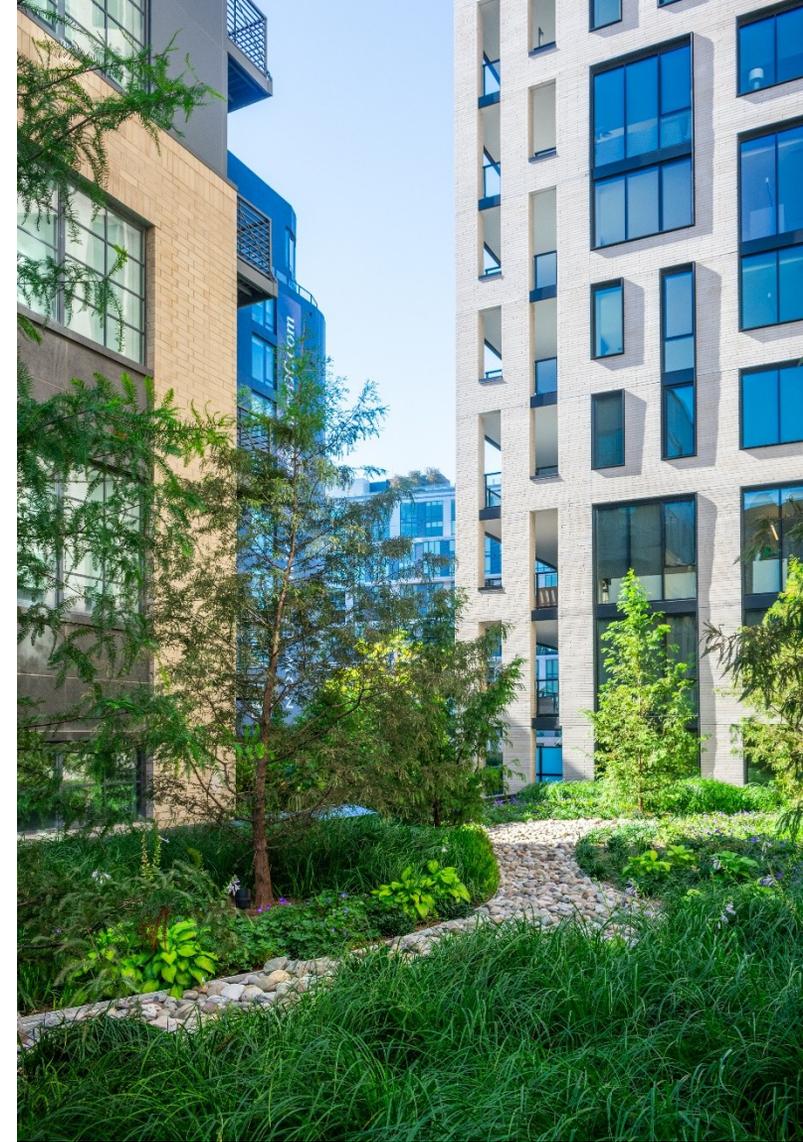
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Client:

Grosvenor

Collaborators:

Park Fowler Plus (prime architect)

Bohler (civil engineering)

Lera (structural engineering)