

Landscape Observations



4 HISTORIC LANDSCAPE:
 The landscape is a significant factor in the historic designation of the hospital campus. The landscape includes:

- The open spaces as framed by the buildings.
- Trees and plantings.
- Vistas and view-sheds.

5 ROLE OF BUILDINGS IN THE LANDSCAPE:
 The buildings at the Medfield State Hospital campus help form spaces and create recognizable places, such as at the “Common”, which is just west of the Chapel on the Medfield State Hospital quad.

6 PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE:
 Landscape elements can create clear distinctions between public space and adjacent private development, such as:

- The public feels welcome where site furniture is located along public sidewalks, in public spaces and adjacent to buildings with public uses inside.
- Shade trees separate the private area of the residential buildings from the public sidewalk creating a buffer for residents and transition area from private to public space.

