

CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY – LANDSCAPES * OLMSTED PROJECT COVER SHEET

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State Historic Preservation Office, Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

PROPERTY NAME (Current/Historic) St. Francis Hospital - Trinity Health of New England / Dillon Memorial - St. Francis Hospital		
COUNTY Hartford	TOWN/CITY Hartford	VILLAGE
JOB NUMBER Primary: 09583 Related Job Numbers: 09640		
Landscape Type <input type="checkbox"/> Park, Parkway, Recreation Area. Scenic Reservation <input type="checkbox"/> City/Regional Plan, Improvement Project <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision, Suburban Community <input type="checkbox"/> College/School Campus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Residential Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Public Building <input type="checkbox"/> Private Estate / Homestead <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery / Burial Lot / Memorial / Monument <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Commercial / Industrial Building <input type="checkbox"/> Country Club / Resort, Hotel, Club <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds of Church <input type="checkbox"/> Arboretum, Garden <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition, Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous		
DATE OF ORIGINAL PROJECT: 1939 SUBSEQUENT PROJECTS: 1953		

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DESIGNER(S) (primary)

- ☐ Frederick Law Olmsted, Sr.
- ☐ John Charles Olmsted
- ☐ Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.
- ☒ Other firm member(s): Edward Clark Whiting
- ☐ Other notes:

Other Designers (prior to or following Olmsted project):

Repositories consulted with source materials

- ☒ Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Olmsted Archives (online albums)
- ☒ Library of Congress
- ☒ Olmsted Online (OlmstedOnline.org)
- ☐ National Archives and Record Administration
- ☐ Connecticut State Library
- ☐ Hartford History Center
- ☒ Other: St Francis Hospital website: <https://www.trinityhealthofne.org/location/saint-francis-hospital>

Observations regarding features characteristic of Olmsted firm design

Nothing significant survives from the Olmsted firm design work. Subsequent building expansions and improved parking configurations erased the Olmsted work.

This work was miscategorized as a cemetery/memorial in the Frederick Law Olmsted NHS list of projects by landscape types because "Memorial is in its name. Most hospitals fall under the category 05-Residential Institutions, not 08-Cemeteries, and this should be moved by the National Park Service - it is not something this work can update.

The project seems to be related to the Saint Raphael Hospital, New Haven, through the architect Louis Walsh, AIA, Waterbury. In both cases the Olmsted firm was being asked to do grading plans for interior parking as part of the medical complex and then associated planting.

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	COUNTY Hartford	TOWN/CITY Hartford	VILLAGE
	STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 114 Woodland Street		
	OWNER(S) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE <input type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL <input type="checkbox"/> STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEDERAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRIBAL <input type="checkbox"/> EASEMENT Trinity Health of New England		
	LAT/LONG COORDINATES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Center Point <input type="checkbox"/> Polygon 41.7726, -72.698846		
	PARCEL INFORMATION Acres: 10.4 PID(s): MBLU(s): 334004004, 334004001		
	USE (Present) Hospital		(Historic) Hospital
	SURVEY TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reconnaissance-Level <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive-Level		
D E S C R I P T I O N	LANDSCAPE TYPE (Check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Designed <input type="checkbox"/> Vernacular <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Ethnographic <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Linear <input type="checkbox"/> System/Multi-Site <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Park- Active Recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Park-Passive Recreation or Commemorative <input type="checkbox"/> Other – specify:		
	DATE OR PERIOD (Include source of date) 1939/1953 (Olmsted Research Guide Online)		
	DESIGNERS (Entities that created, designed, constructed, or shaped the landscape) Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects		
	DESIGN SCOPE (For designed landscapes, explain what work was commissioned) Correspondence with Saint Raphael Hospital (#09640) from architect, Lewis A. Walsh, indicates that the firm was engaged to prepare grading plans for driveway(s), parking, with associated planting plans		
	LOCATION OF DRAWINGS/IMAGES/SOURCE MATERIAL Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, Library of Congress – Olmsted Associates Records		
	VISUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (Check boxes for the qualities that are key features of this landscape. If attaching descriptive narrative, consider these categories.) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Layout & Spatial Relationships <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Circulation <input type="checkbox"/> Topography <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantings/Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Views & Vistas <input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Features <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buildings/Structures/Objects <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Space <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Design Style: </div> </div>		

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C O N D I T I O N	EXISTING CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Extant/Not Recognizable Changes: The hospital has continued to expand and fill in the drives and parking areas		
	POTENTIAL THREATS <input type="checkbox"/> None Known <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure Improvements <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite Development <input type="checkbox"/> Adjacent Development <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism <input type="checkbox"/> Overuse <input type="checkbox"/> Deferred Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive Vegetation <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental – specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Other – specify:		
E N V I R O N M E N T	SETTING (One sentence description) Urban hospital complex. Dillon Memorial was constructed as a wing of the hospital		
	VEGETATION <input type="checkbox"/> Maintained Open Land <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Open Land <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland/Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specimen Plants <input type="checkbox"/> Other – specify:		
	SLOPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level/Nearly Level <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Steep Slope Elevation (ASML): 70'		
	CONNECTICUT PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROVINCE (Eco-Region) <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Highlands <input type="checkbox"/> Western Uplands <input type="checkbox"/> Western Coastal Slope <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central Valley <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Coastal Slope <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Uplands Soil Description: Site composed of urban soils.		
H I S T O R Y	SUMMARY (Provide a brief overview in this space. More detailed narrative can be attached.) The Dillon for whom the Dillon Memorial wing of Saint Francis Hospital was built requires additional research. It may be for Charles Dillon, successful Hartford merchant and milliner who built the Dillon Building in Hartford (1899). Olmsted Brothers (E. C. Whiting) was working for a Waterbury architect, Lewis A. Walsh, on the Saint Francis campus, an architect for whom they would work again in a similar capacity at New Haven (#06640, St Raphael Hospital). In both cases work included grading, drainage, circulation and planting plans.		
	NATIONAL REGISTER RECOMMENDATION Entered by: Lucy Lawliss <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended Eligible (Criterion <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Not Evaluated Explanation: The park does not retain sufficient integrity for eligibility NR Listed: <input type="checkbox"/> District-Contributing <input type="checkbox"/> District-Non-Contributing <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Documentation		
R E P O R T E D B Y	NAME Lucy Lawliss	ORGANIZATION Red Bridge Group	DATE December 2021
	ADDRESS 2100 Green Street, San Francisco, CA 94123		
	PHOTOGRAPHER Lucy Lawliss	DATE September 17, 2021	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permission to use photographs (public domain)
	SURVEY METHOD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site Visit/In-Person Walkover <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-through/Windshield <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Review Only		

ATTACHMENTS (Include the following items in the PDF)

- ☒ Location Map ☒ Site Map ☒ Photographs with captions ☒ Historic Images (if applicable)
☒ Narrative Description of Property ☐ Historical Narrative of Property ☐ References

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Visual Assessment Summary)

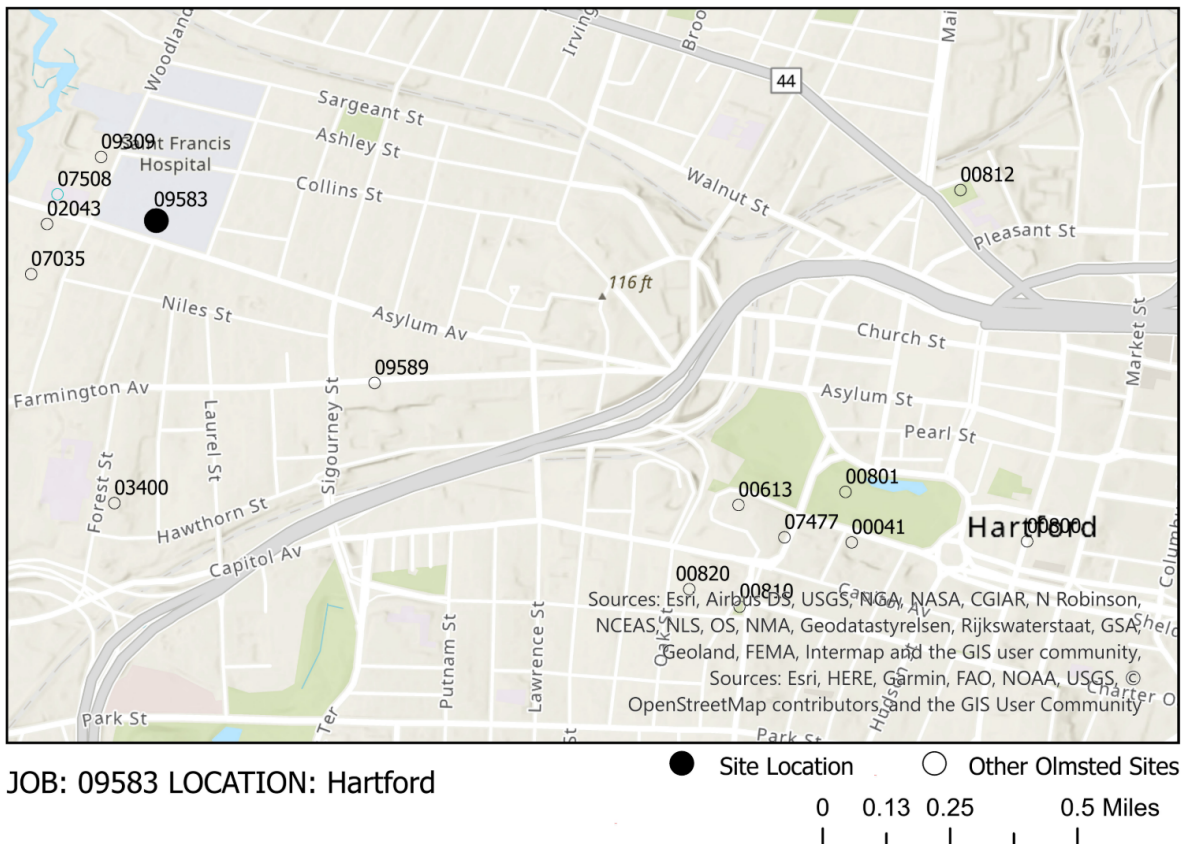
Circulation: Automobile circulation to the interior of the property for parking and access

Plantings/Vegetation: Tree and shrub planting associated with parking areas as well as along Woodland Street. A few of the specimen trees and the evergreen hedge along the sidewalk and drive entries of Woodland Street may survive from the Olmsted Brothers work.

Drainage: Details and descriptions of drainage structures are described in the correspondence but the interior areas where this work was located has since been built upon.

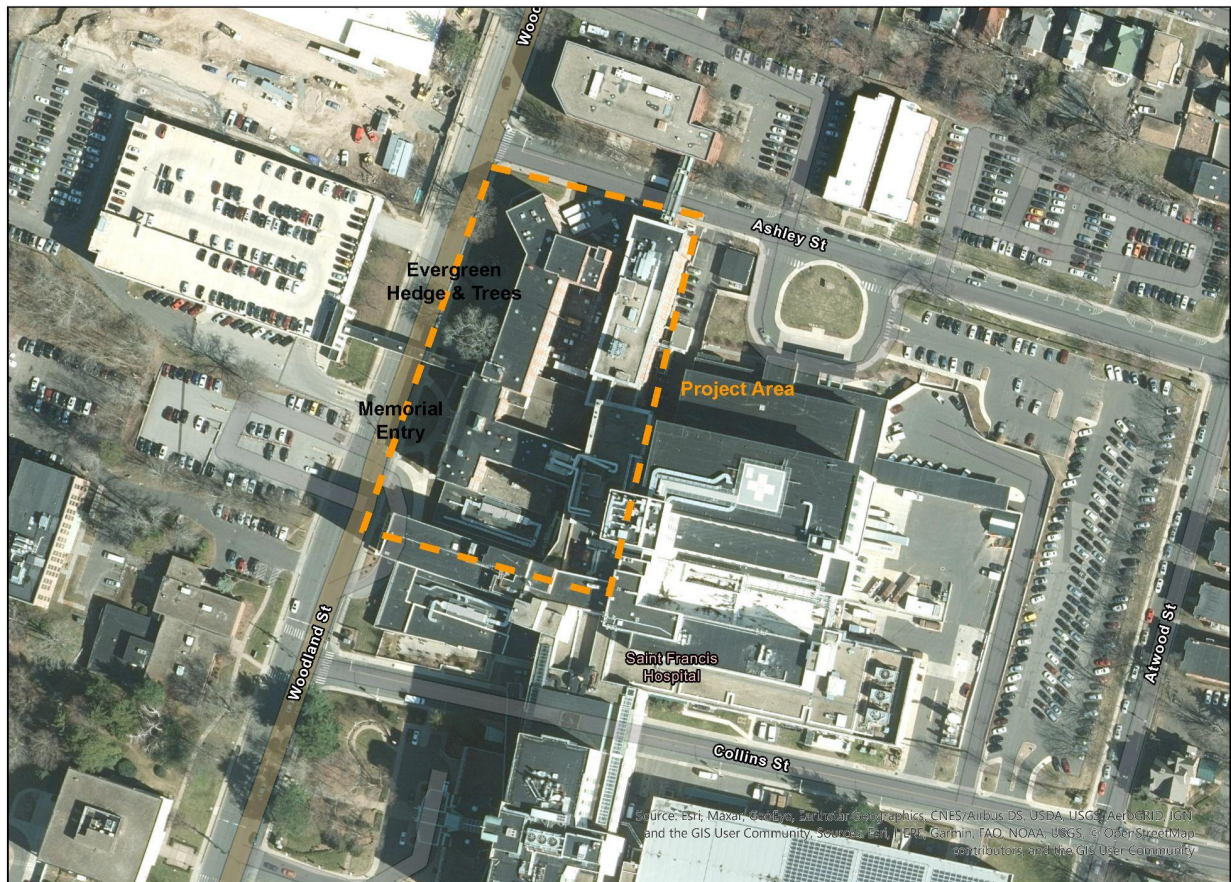
Buildings/Structures/Objects: The St. Francis Hospital, was conceived and established by Hartford's Roman Catholic bishop, Michael Tierney, with the assistance of the Sisters of Saint Joseph de Chambéry in 1897 to care for the increasing number of Roman Catholic immigrants to the city. Begun in a two-story brick house, it is now a complex of multiple buildings that cover the blocks bounded by Woodland Street on the west, Ashley Street on the north, Atwood Street on the east and Asylum Street on the south. The work of Olmsted Brothers around the c. 1940 Dillon Memorial addition was largely associated with the area north of Collins Street, which cuts the campus approximately in half, east to west, along the Woodland Street façade.

GRAPHICS

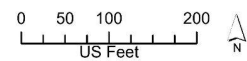


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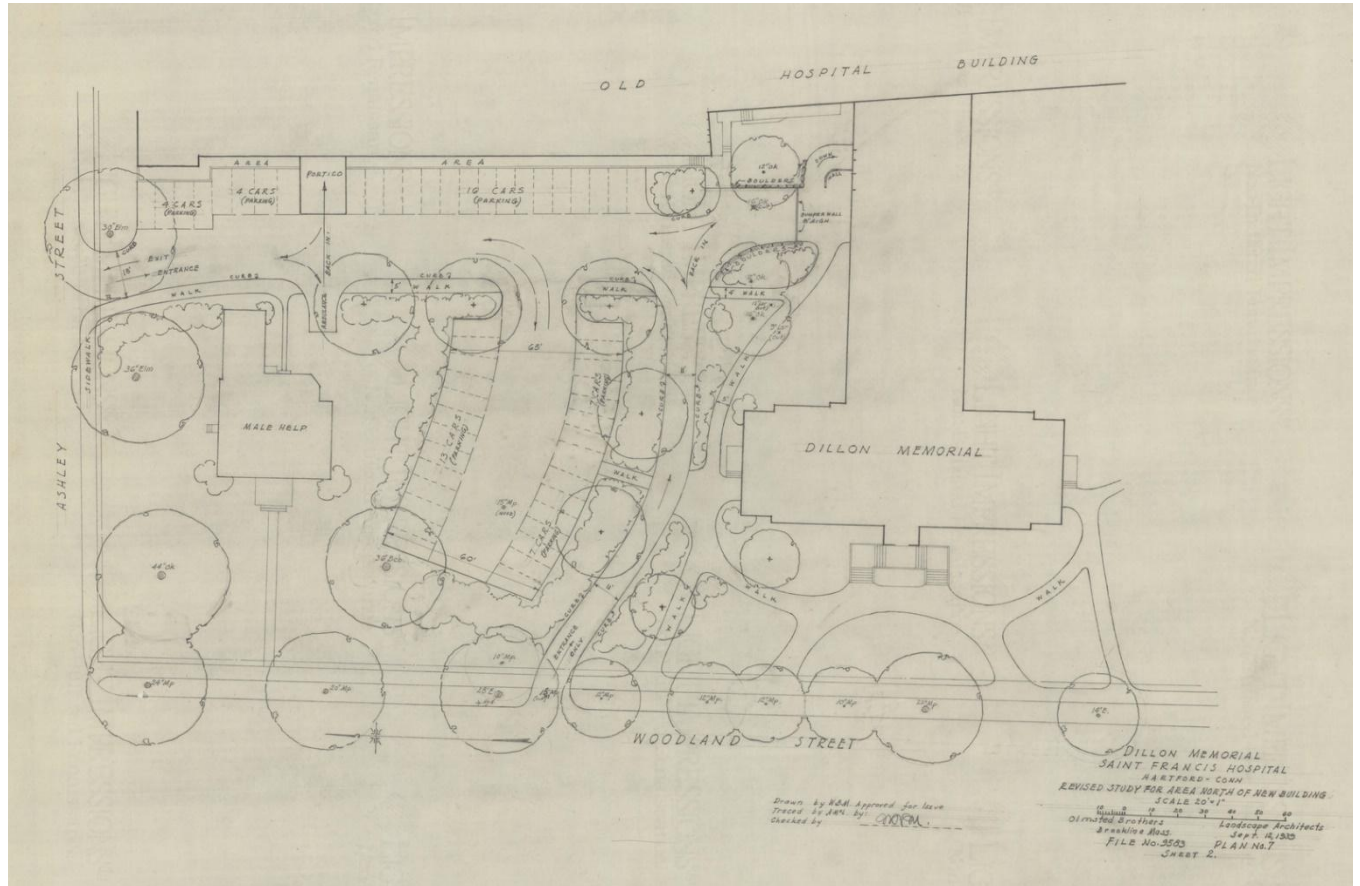


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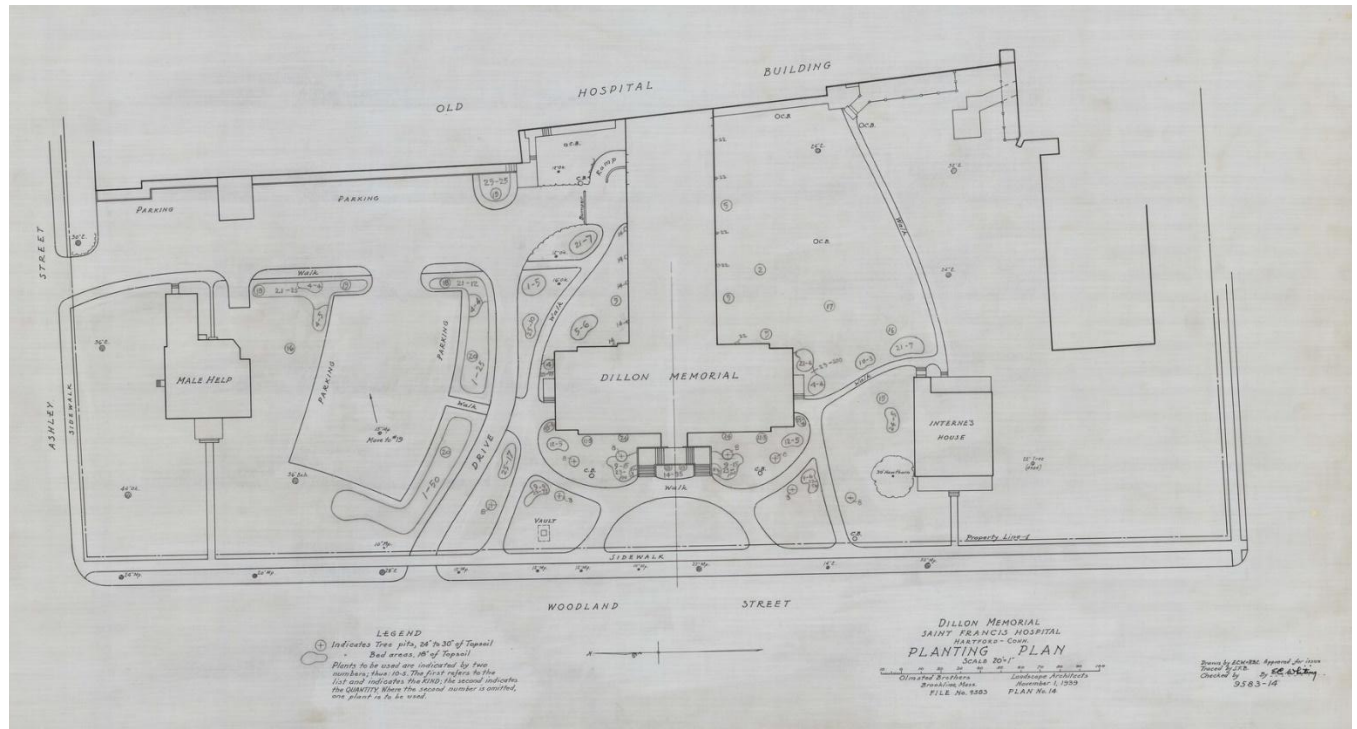
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Dillon Memorial St. Francis Hospital, Revised Study for Area North of New Building, 1939, Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects. (Source: courtesy Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site)

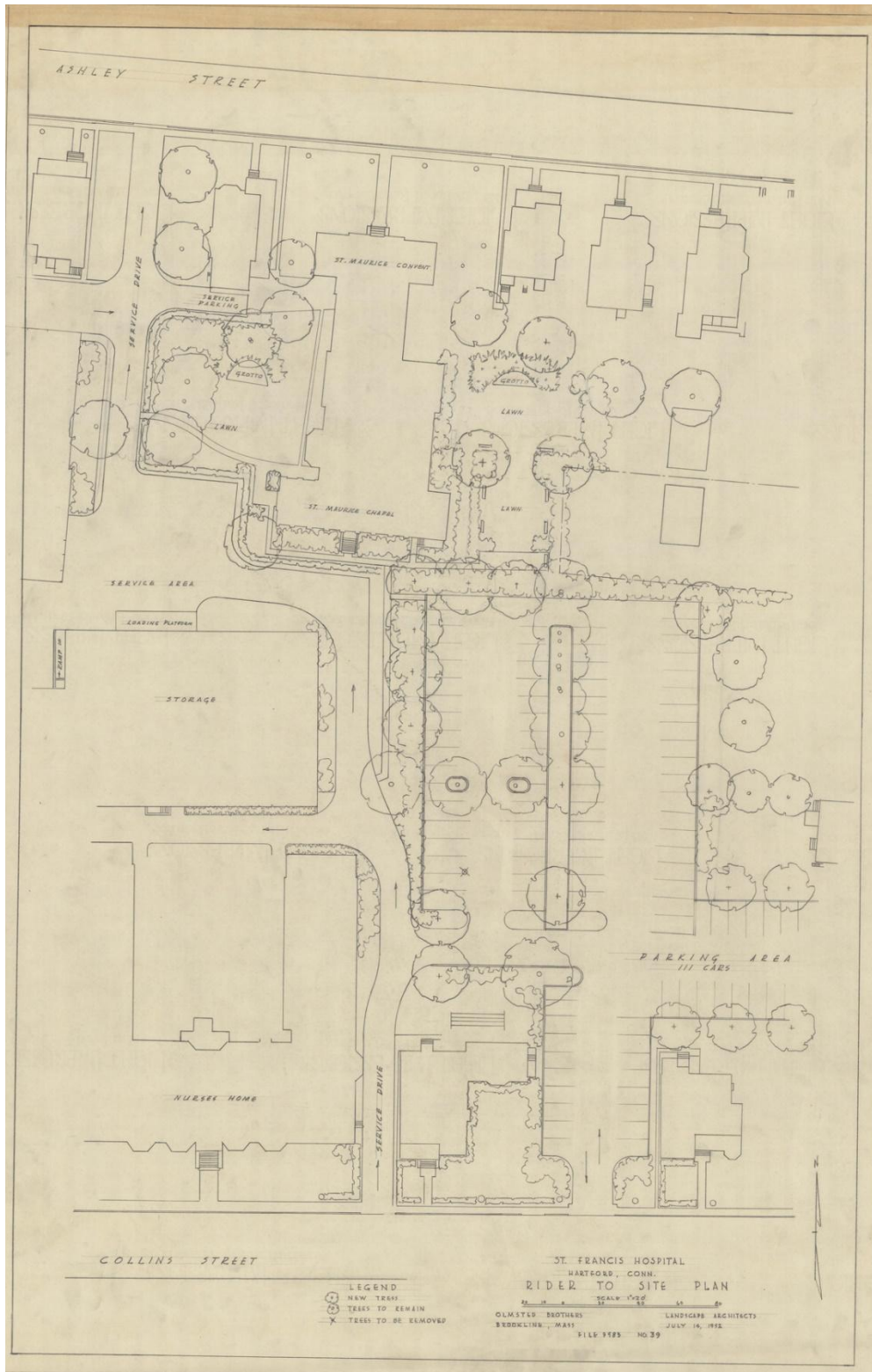
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Dillon Memorial St. Francis Hospital, Planting Plan, 1939, Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects. (Source: courtesy Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site)

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St. Francis Hospital, Rider to Site Plan, 1952, Olmsted Brothers Landscape Architects. (Source: courtesy Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site)

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Specimen tree surviving at the northwest corner of Saint Francis Hospital complex along Woodland Street.
(All photographs taken by author in 2021 unless otherwise noted)



View of Woodland Street side of Saint Francis Hospital – the Dillon Memorial extension was just right of skyway across Woodland. Hedge possibly survives from Olmsted Brothers planting plan.

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Extension of hedge and another specimen hardwood along Saint Francis Hospital Woodland Street façade.