



# Fan Pier Public Green

Open space/ Parks

Northern Avenue, Boston

**Richard Burke Associates**

Plantings  
Glass/ Concrete/ Wood

1.5 acres

2009

Patrick Grime



## The Site

In the heart of the Seaport District between Northern Avenue and the waterfront lies Fan Pier Public Green, a scenic getaway for those who work, live and visit here. Designed by Richard Burke Associates in 2009, the 1.5 acre park consists of a shaded patio with seating and a large stepped lawn that incorporates granite steps running the width of the lawn to accommodate elevation changes.

The park's immediate neighbors include the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, District Hall and the mixed use Fan Pier development and marina.



**Program** - A tree-shaded patio with seating and movable furniture invites for repose or a picnic. Usually, visitors are able to enjoy low-key musical entertainment in the form of Jazz or popular tunes via embedded loudspeakers. Adjacent to the deck, a stepped lawn offers opportunities for play and to enjoy the sun. Fan Pier Public Green was designed like an outdoor living room with the intent for various activities, including special events and performances.



**Cultural Importance** - Nestled between the Institute of Contemporary Art/Boston, Fan Pier and District Hall, the Fan Pier Public Green acts as a mediator between the three, generating life in what could be barren landscape or just another building. The park acts as a lawn for the ICA, giving this cultural institution a larger presence. At the water's edge, the Boston HarborWalk links the park to the waterfront, also providing access to the Fan Pier Marina.