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MIRROR IMAGE — A heavy downpour yesterday morning added another reflecting pool at the Christian Science Center.

URBAN DESIGN: SITE EVOLUTION



YESTERDAY



TODAY



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intersection of grids: the "apex of neighborhoods"

- railroad line
- street - urban grid
- emerald necklace

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Largest private open space in Boston



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Simple, harmonious ensemble of buildings:
highlighting the Original Mother Church and the Mother Church Extension



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Bold, iconic reflecting pool

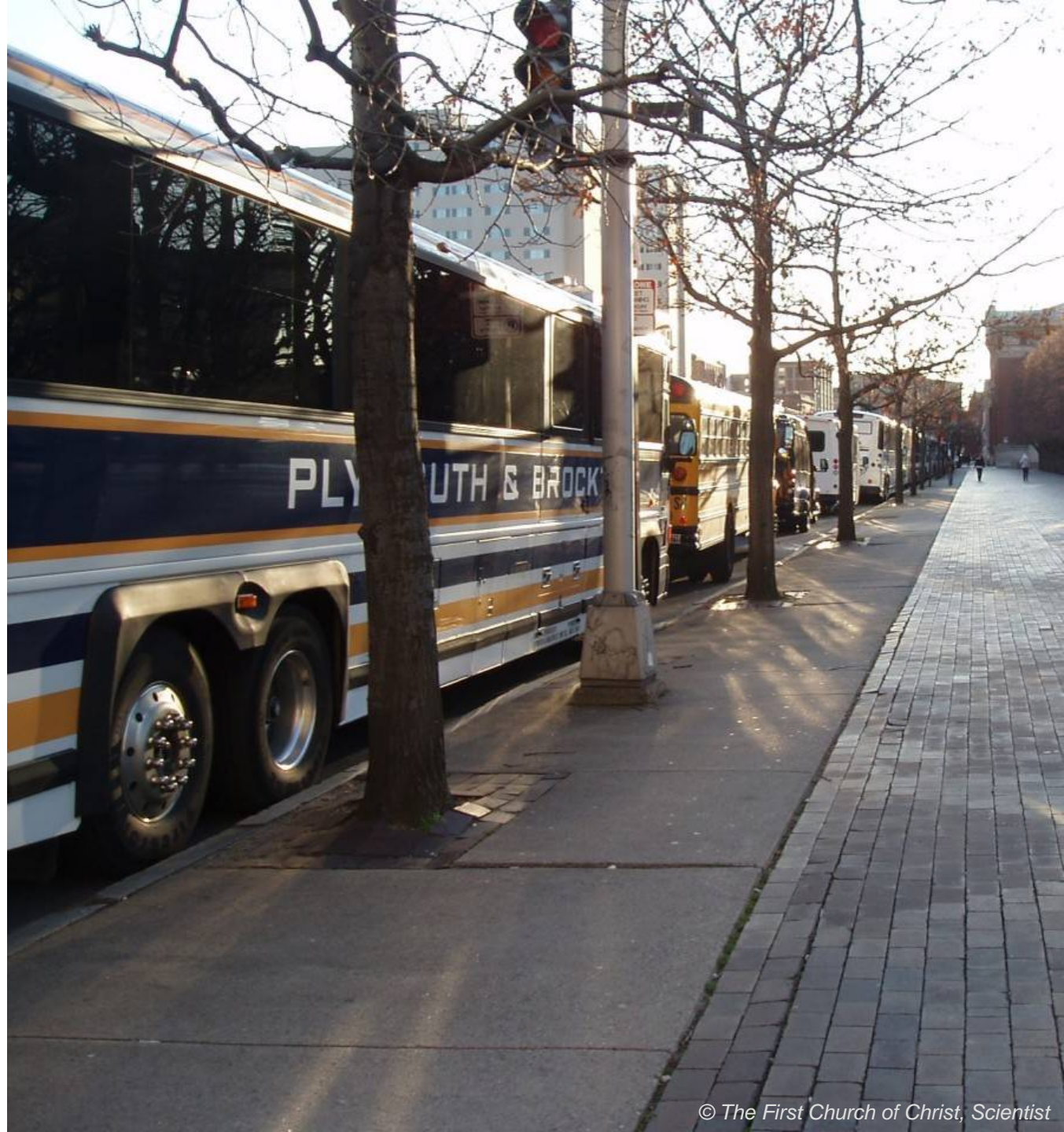


Very successful
Children's Fountain



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Maintain, enhance, and expand lawn areas



Series of barriers: Buses

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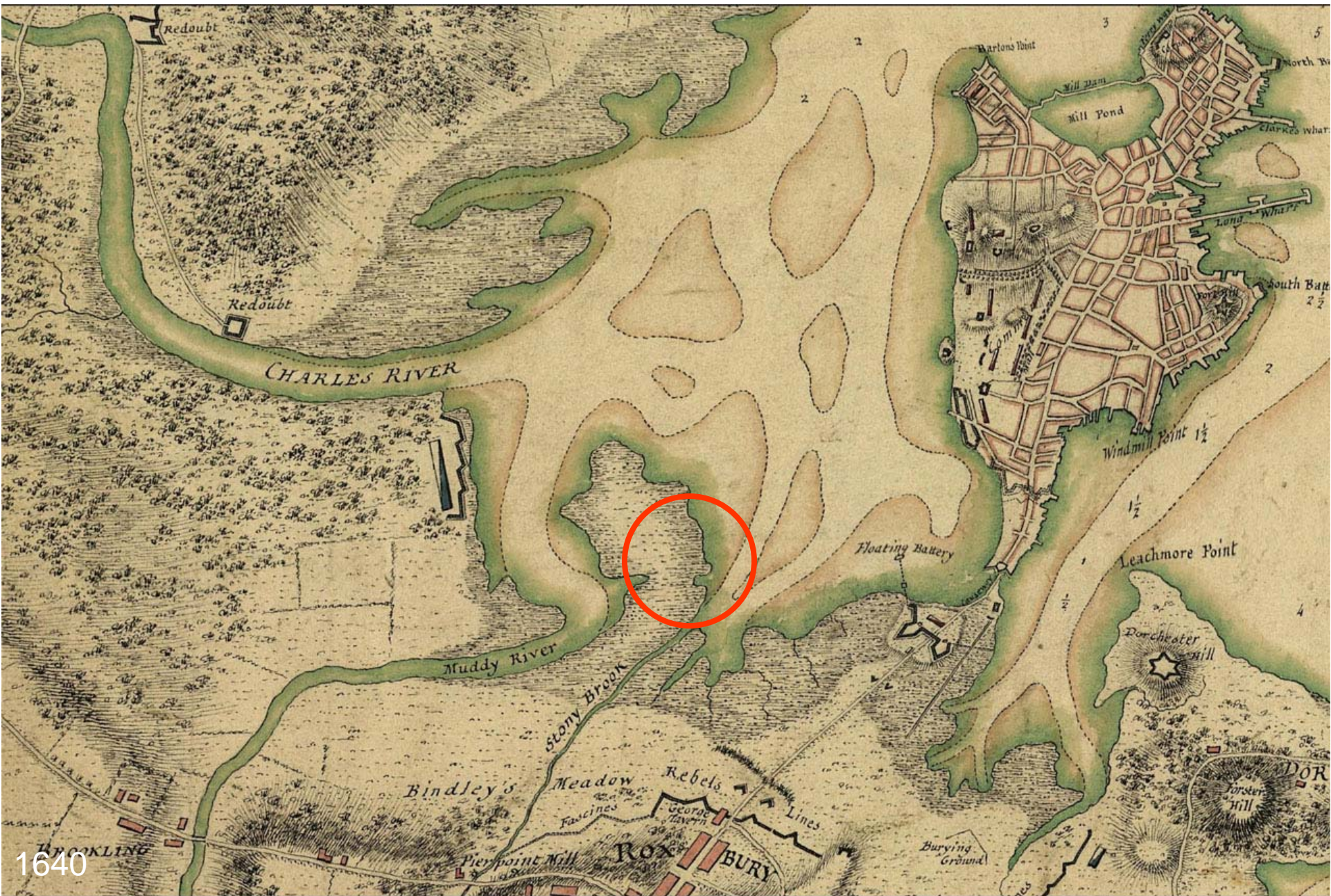


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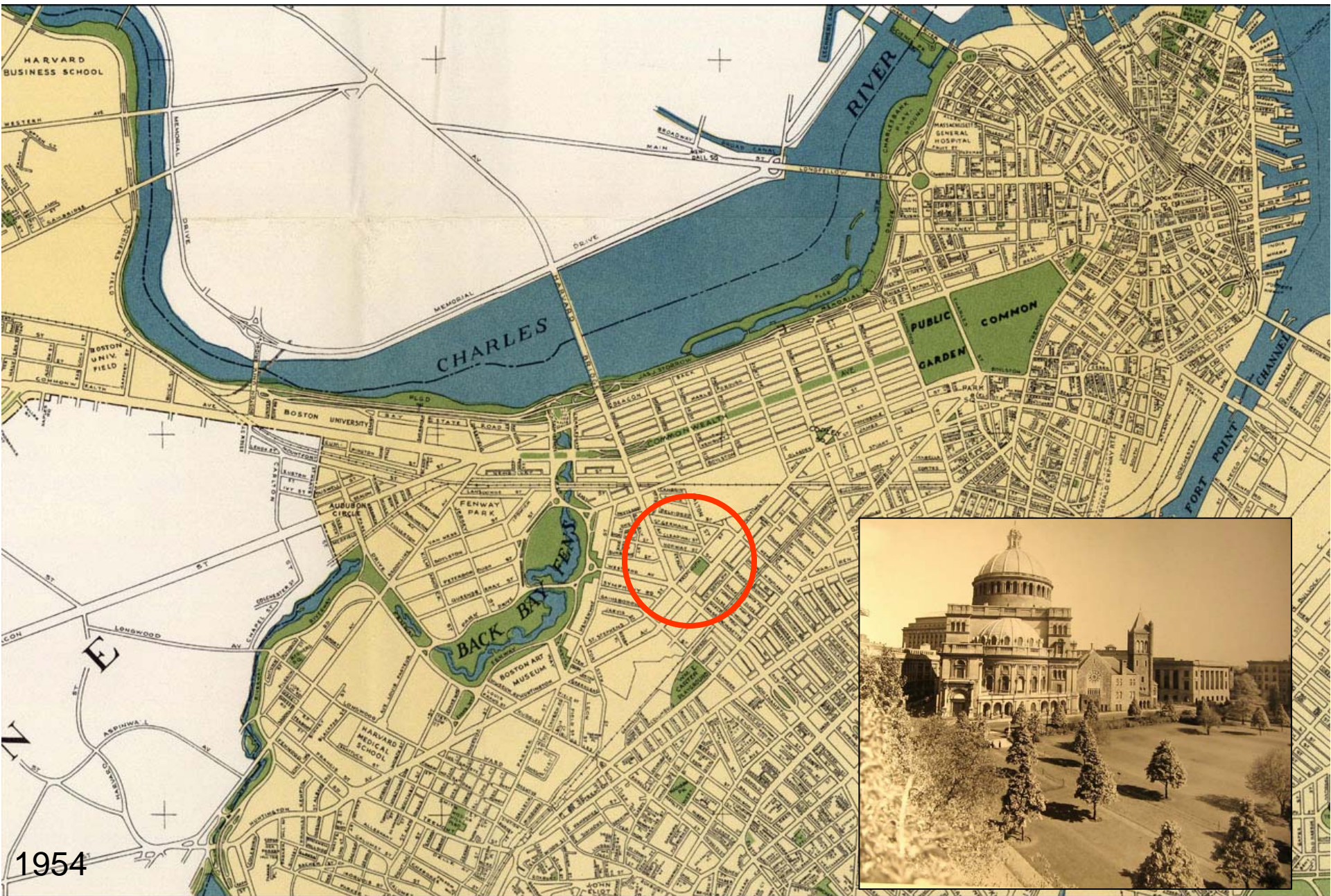
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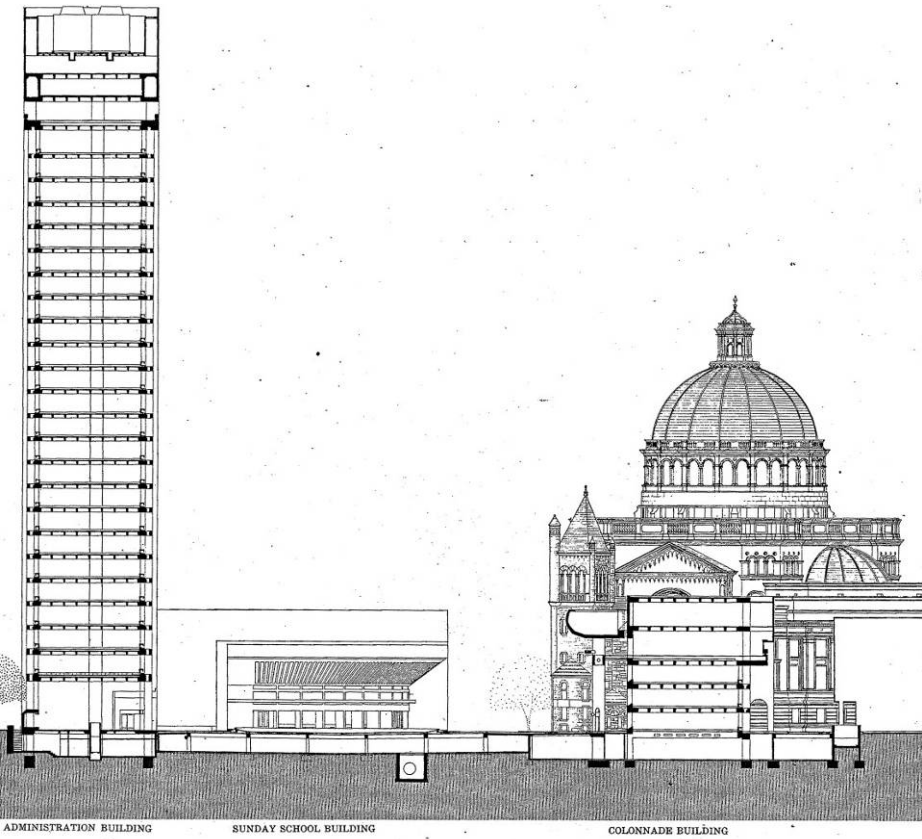
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1954

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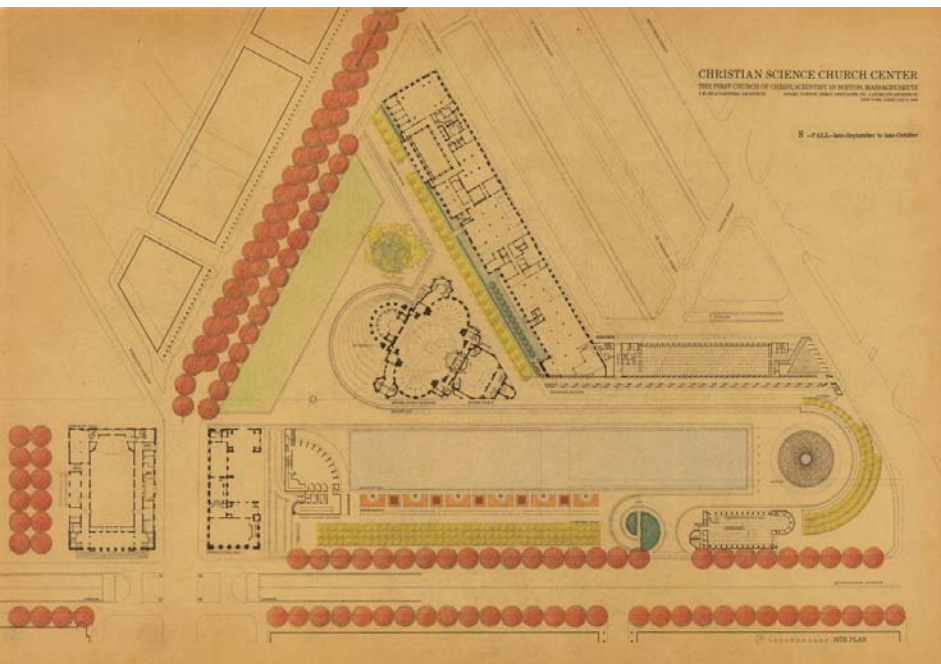
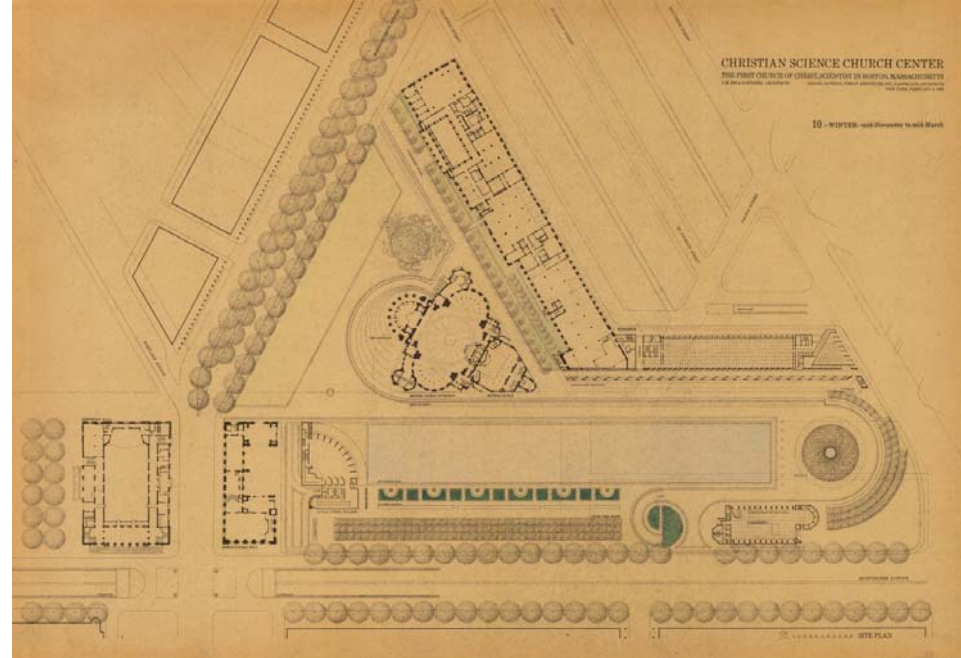
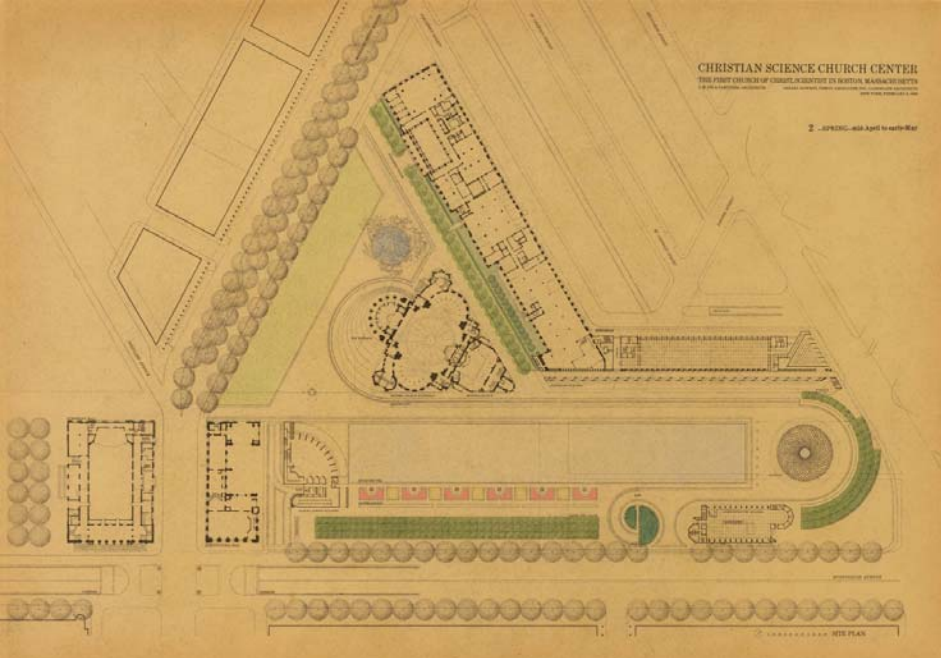
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING COLONNADE BUILDING

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1968 Plan:
TFCCS ahead of its time in implementing a plan for positive change and growth with substantial investment



CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH CENTER
 THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
 I. M. PEI & PARTNERS, ARCHITECTS SASAKI, DAWSON, DEMAY ASSOCIATES, INC., LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
 NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 9, 1968

1968 Landscape Architect for Pei/Cossutta Master Plan

2007 Urban Designer/Planner for Plaza Revitalization Plan

Drawings: Courtesy of Sasaki Associates, INC.

Sasaki's long history: original landscape design and current Plaza Revitalization



MAINTAIN:

- Open space, fountain, and reflecting pool
- The ensemble, repurpose with mix of uses
- The Children's Fountain
- The Reflecting Pool but **reintroduce connection to The Original Mother Church**

ENHANCE:

- Restore balance of development and open space –
- Development zones support and reinforce urban design
- Increase green/grass (especially at the Mass Ave edge)
- Introduce year-round uses for Plaza, especially Reflecting Pool
- Remove barriers
- Improve site circulation
- Integrate with Symphony Streetscape Project

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