The Kathryn Willmore Garden
An addition to the President’s Garden
When Kathryn Willmore retired in the summer of 2006, the President’s Office wanted to honor her more than 40 years of working for MIT by dedicating a garden in her name.

In collaboration with Facilities, the President’s Office, and Kathryn Willmore, Landscape Architect Elena Saporta designed the garden within the existing President’s Garden, which includes a bluestone patio with a set of embedded hosta islands, two benches, and a few vines. Kurt Tramposh who had been involved in establishing the original hosta beds donated most of these Hostas, the Grounds Department donated the labor to remove the existing trees.
Existing Crabtrees and Hostas
Proposed site of the Kathryn Willmore Garden within the President’s Garden
Grounds removed the Crabapples
Valley Crest starts construction
Recycled bluestone pavers from demolished Dibner Garden
Bluestone patio and openings for Hosta islands
New trees – Parrotia persica
All the plants are in, including donated hostas
Existing Hostas and other new plants
The garden is complete