

MIT Climate Symposium:

The Role of Research Universities and MIT's Climate Initiatives

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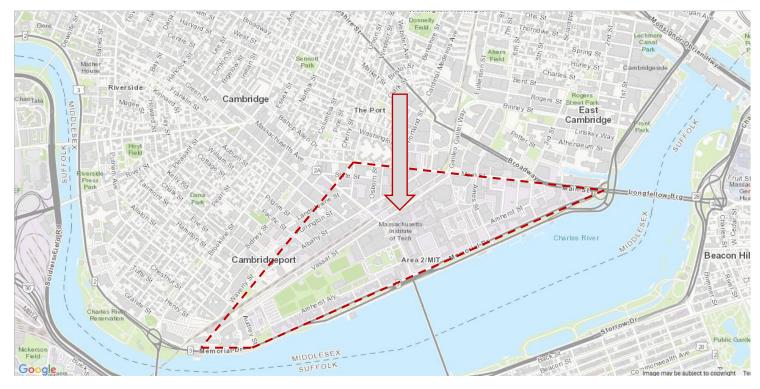


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☐ MIT campus operations need to reflect MIT's climate action plan commitment.
☐ Sustainability including climate impact mitigation must be integral to planning & execution of the smallest and biggest campus projects.
☐ MIT is a living lab that allows us to pilot output of research & education efforts.
☐ We all make choices that contribute to shared success.

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The Hive: Sustainability Garden Pilot at Saxon Lawn (completed Fall 2019)

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- + Haystack Observatory
- + Wallace Astrophysical Laboratory
- + Bates Engineering R&D Center
- + MIT Lincoln Laboratory
- + President's Office, Washington, D.C.

+ International Research Efforts including SMART in Singapore



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MIT Central Utilities Plant Upgrade (2020)