



ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR

Recent additions and renovations to the Bennington College campus.

Named one of “ten college campuses with the best architecture” by *Architectural Digest*, Bennington’s deep commitment to the aesthetic of the physical surrounding is reflected in every structure on campus. This guide offers architectural highlights from the Bennington campus—buildings lovingly restored and newly constructed over the last decade.

#1 - CRICKET HILL (Renovated 2002)

Home of the Admissions Office, Cricket Hill was part of the original Jennings estate. It was completely refurbished inside and out in 2002.

#6 - BIOMASS PLANT

(Built 2008 | Centerline Architects and Planners)

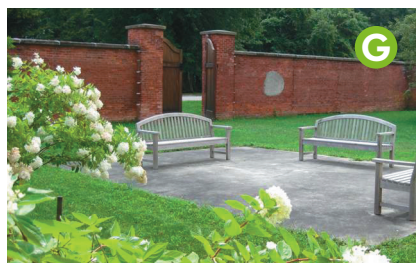
Winner of Excellence in Architecture Award 2009, The American Institute of Architects/Vermont

This 5,200-square-foot addition to the campus utility plant houses a 400hp wood-chip, or “biomass,” boiler that serves as the College’s primary heating source. The wood chips are a byproduct of forest management, which make them an excellent and locally abundant option as a source of renewable energy for the College.

#8 - DEANE CARRIAGE BARN

(Renovated 2007)

Careful restoration has brought this historic performance space into the 21st century while



preserving its distinctive look. With a remodeled music workshop, cherry floors, the addition of a vestibule, entryway, and elevator for maximum accessibility, Deane Carriage Barn provides a handsome space for students, faculty members, and visiting artists to share their work. Named in honor of Barbara Ushkow Deane ’51.

#10 - HELEN FRANKENTHALER ’49 VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (VAPA)

(Renovated 2010-11)

Continuing upgrades to VAPA’s classrooms, performance, and work spaces have improved functionality, energy efficiency, and air quality. An entirely new lighting system has been implemented in Usdan Gallery for optimal viewing of artwork exhibitions. New energy efficient windows will improve VAPA’s carbon footprint.

#11 - ELIZABETH COLEMAN CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PUBLIC ACTION (CAPA)

(Completed Spring 2011 | Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects)

CAPA is a complex of three geothermally heated buildings, each clad in reclaimed Vermont marble, totaling 15,000 square feet. The \$20-million facility houses classrooms, seminar and conference spaces, lounges, a kitchen, and suite-style living accommodations for visiting lecturers and fellows.

#13 - EAST ACADEMIC CENTER / POST OFFICE (Renovated 2010)

The East Academic Center, which formerly housed a center for pre-kindergarten students, was fully renovated to feature two mediated classrooms opening onto deep porches, plus additional spaces for student services.

#15 - STUDENT CENTER

(Built 2007 | Taylor & Burns Architects)

Winner of Excellence in Architecture for a New Building 2010, Society for College and University Planning

This 10,000-square-foot structure—currently being used for dining services during the renovation of Commons—includes cafe facilities, a performance space with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, and a lounge for small and large student gatherings. Its floor-to-ceiling windows open to a terrace on nice days and turn the building into a beacon at night.

#19 - STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

(Renovated Summer 2017)

Through a comprehensive addition and adaptive renovation, we have breathed new life into this often overlooked building so that it may serve as the new home for Bennington’s Health and Psych Services. The building, which preserves the vernacular character of the original building while incorporating modern, energy-efficient systems, includes offices and support facilities for both programs, along with the Office of Health Promotion, a shared reception area, and waiting spaces.

#21 - FACULTY HOUSES

(Renovated 2005, 2006, and 2016)

Two houses on Faculty Row were renovated in 2005 and 2006, and several in the Orchard have been restored since 2008. Five of eight Orchard houses were renovated in summer 2016.

#24, 25, 32, 34, 35 - SWAN, WOOLEY, WELLING, MCCULLOUGH & LEIGH HOUSES

(Renovated 2005 and 2006)

Part of the original residential campus designed by J.W. Ames and E.S. Dodge, these Colonial Revival-style houses frame the College’s central Commons Lawn.

#30 - BOOTH HOUSE (Renovated 2009)

Designed as part of the original campus plan by J.W. Ames and E.S. Dodge, Booth House features numerous Colonial Revival details, including pilasters, quoining, and transoms on the portico. All of the 2009 renovations were carefully managed to preserve the historic character of the house.

#36, 37 - FELS AND SAWTELL HOUSES

(Renovated 2008 and 2009)

The geometric forms of these student houses are typical of the designs of Edward Larrabee Barnes, who also designed the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and the IBM building in Manhattan.

#39, 40, 41 - PERKINS, MERCK, & PARIS-BORDEN HOUSES (Built 2000 | Kyu Sung Woo)

Featured in Architectural Record magazine

Three stories with stunning east-facing views, airy kitchens, and sun-filled common rooms, these houses marry traditional materials like cedar siding and stone walls with contemporary design. Named in honor of Penelope Perkins Wilson ’45, Katharine Evarts Merck ’46, and Susan Paris Borden ’69.

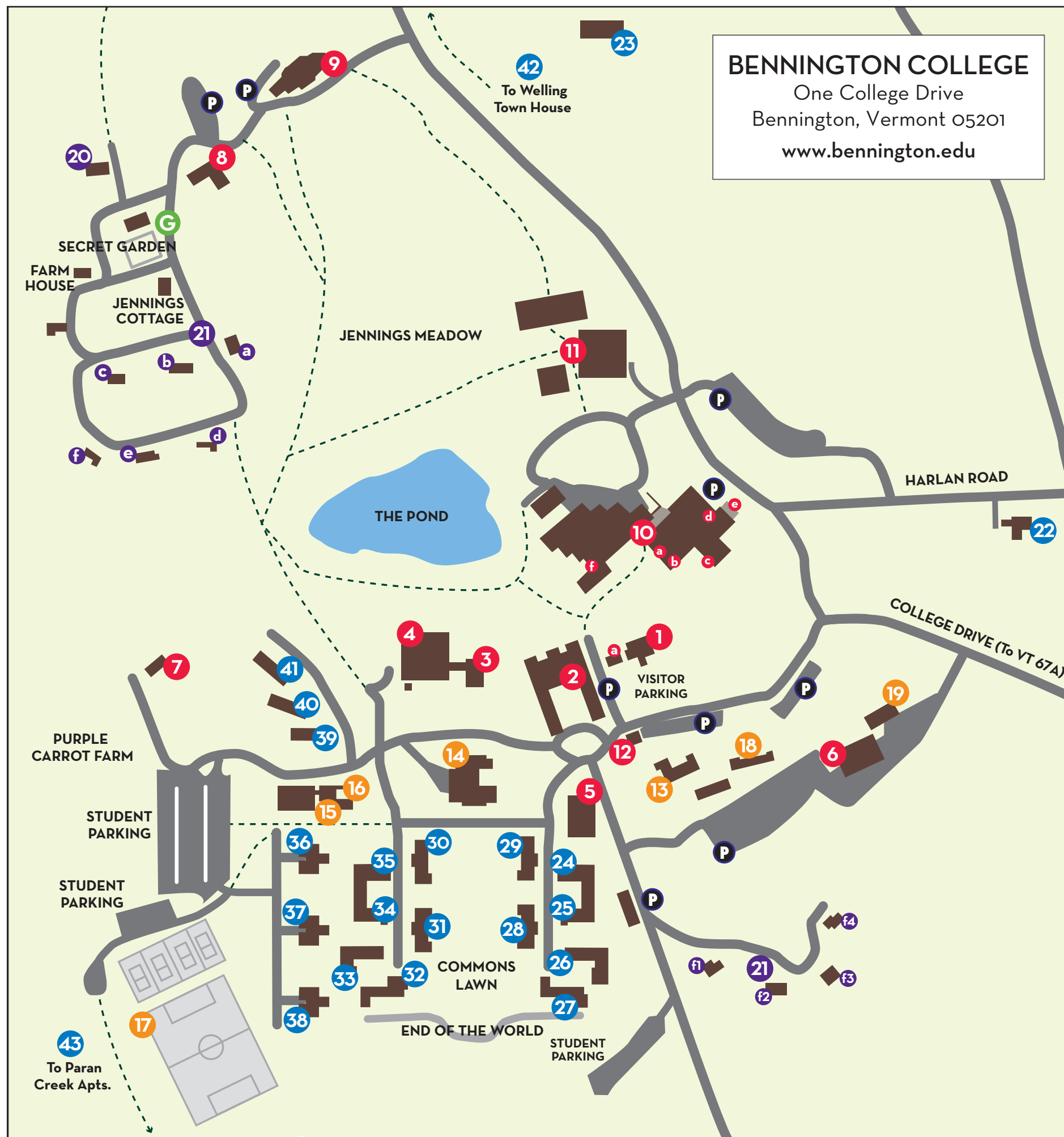
G - HELEN FRANKENTHALER ’49 SECRET GARDEN (Restored 2008)

A walled, green space containing flowers, ornamental and fruit trees, and a small deck for outdoor performances—it is a lovely spot for quiet contemplation.

Facilities and Landscaping Master Plan

(Completed 2004 | Kyu Sung Woo and Reed Hildebrand)

The Facilities and Landscaping Master Plan has guided plans for campus expansion, a network of footpaths and roadways, a lighting system, and ongoing landscaping, plantings, and pruning. To clearly link and label the various buildings and venues of the campus, a uniform signage system was created in 2005. The signs are a contemporary statement in Cor-Ten, which oxidize to a beautiful, autumnal red-brown, and reflective, stainless steel.



Academic/Administrative

- 1** Cricket Hill/Admissions Office
 - a Cricket Hill Barn
- 2** The Barn/Administrative Offices
- 3** Tishman Lecture Hall
- 4** Dickinson Science Building
- 5** Crossett Library
- 6** Biomass/Maintenance Building
- 7** Stickney Observatory
- 8** Deane Carriage Barn
- 9** Jennings Music Building
- 10** Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA)
 - a Margot Tenney Theater
 - b Lester Martin Theater
 - c Greenwall Auditorium
 - d Martha Hill Dance Theater
 - e Petrie Terrace
 - f Usdan Gallery
- 11** Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA)
- 12** Campus Safety

Community Life

- 13** Post Office (EAC West)
- 14** Commons
- 15** Student Center/Dining Hall
- 16** UpCaf/DownCaf
- 17** Tennis and Basketball Courts/Soccer Field
- 18** Student Health Center
- 19** Meyer Recreation Barn
- G** Helen Frankenthaler '49 Secret Garden

Faculty/Alumni Housing

- 20** Davis Alumni House
- 21** Faculty Houses (Faculty Row f1, f2, f3, f4)
(Orchard a, b, c, d, e, f)

Student Housing

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 22 Shingle Cottage | 33 Bingham |
| 23 Longmeadow | 34 McCullough |
| 24 Swan | 35 Leigh |
| 25 Woolley | 36 Fels |
| 26 Stokes | 37 Sawtell |
| 27 Franklin | 38 Noyes |
| 28 Canfield | 39 Perkins |
| 29 Dewey | 40 Merck |
| 30 Booth | 41 Paris-Borden |
| 31 Kilpatrick | 42 Welling Town House |
| 32 Welling | 43 Paran Creek Apts. |