Boston Landmarks Commission Review

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church

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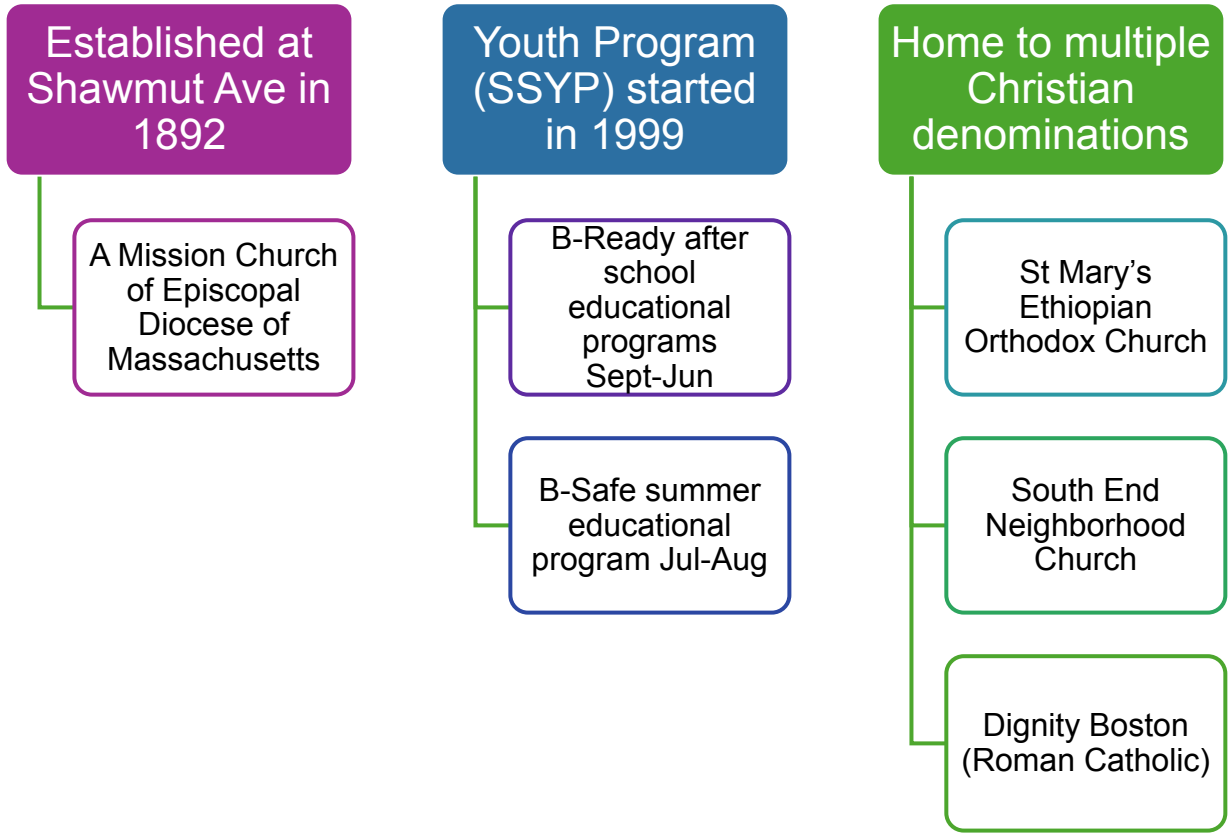


Addition of Heat Pumps to the Sanctuary

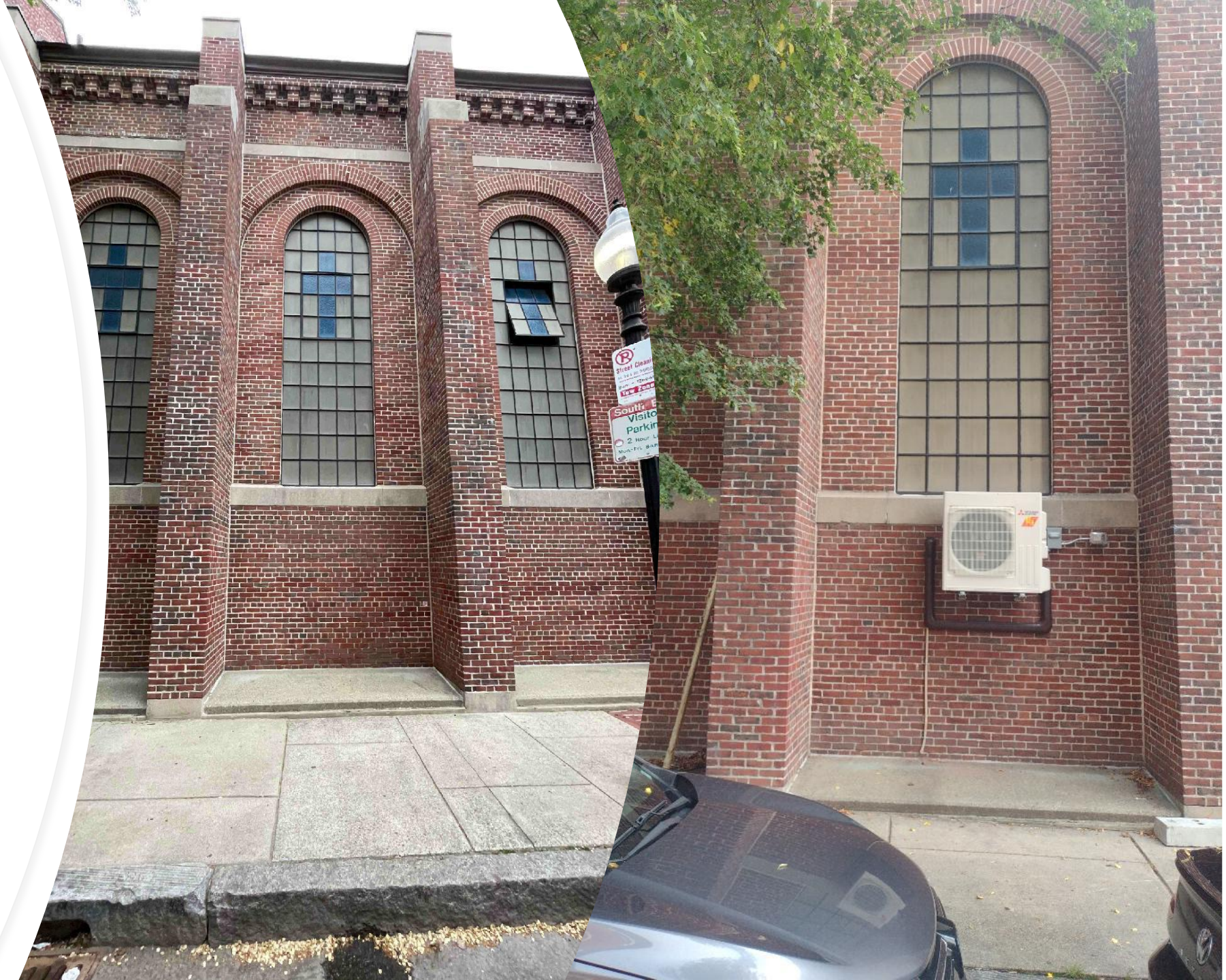
- Church sanctuary is the home of several Christian denominations
- Host a youth enrichment programs along with parent organizing programs
- Due to size, age, construction, and historic interior, use of new technology is required to keep expenses in control while supporting usage in all seasons
- Heat Pumps were the way forward, as they could be integrated into the existing gas heating scheme
- Location of Heat Pumps were distributed through the Sanctuary.
- The use of the roof top was deemed unworkable due to the excessive interior duct work that would obfuscate the worship space.

Heat Pumps on San Juan Street

- Heat pumps were installed on the San Juan Street side of the Church
- At the same time custom wrought iron fencing was ordered for the 2 alcoves where the Heat Pumps are located
- Fencing is 8ft high, with a centered gate for service access
- Fencing mimics the existing church fence on San Juan St to create a consistent and dignified look to the building

Pre & Post Install

- **5 Alcoves**
  - 144 inches wide
  - 40 inches deep
- Compressors are in alternate alcoves with a vacant alcove in between
- 8 ft fence will obfuscate the entire compressor



Current Fencing at St. Stephen's

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- Works were completed without being presented to the SELDC due to lack of knowledge at the church, the vendor, or any other party consulted
- Work permit was issued from ISD for the electrical component of the installation
- Neither contractors nor ISD raised any red flags about this work progressing as designed
- It is the hope that the use of adequate custom fencing covering the alcoves the heat pumps reside in will be able to meet the requirements of SELDC until a permanent solution is determined