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The Plaza at Harvard is a gathering space for the University and local communities, adjacent to Harvard’s historic Yard. During the design process, a series of interim programs were initiated in order to both build momentum and increase publicity for the project while simultaneously cultivating a civic audience for the future plaza. The plaza’s design includes recycled materials, stormwater infiltration, and an education program to reinforce the University’s sustainability mission.