Rockefeller University required significant upgrade of its laboratory facilities in order to maintain and enhance its notable biomedical research programs. In 2010, the University commissioned Rafael Viñoly Architects to develop a space plan and master plan in order to project growth for the campus. The master plan yielded four projects: the five-story River Building, single-story Conference Center, single-story Health and Fitness Center, and a two-story annex enabling project. Through the master planning process, the firm created a general principle to guide the design and development strategy: the University should preserve the garden designed by the renowned landscape architect Dan Kiley and promote the historic character of the buildings bordering it.
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