The site is located in the Dupont neighborhood in NW Washington, DC. It is bordered by P Street on the North, 22nd and 23rd Streets on the East and West, respectively; and by an existing office building on the South, the Congressional Quarterly. The East side of the site faces a 10-story mixed-use residential building, the North faces the Church of the Pilgrim and small Shevchenko Memorial park and the West looks out onto a green, lightly wooded portion of Rock Creek Park. The diversity of the site's edges would allow for varied responses.

The site for the new Youth Hostel was chosen with the interests of the young traveler in mind. The Dupont Neighborhood is culturally vibrant and offers some of Washington's best recreation. It is a densely built area with a range of two- to ten-story buildings, offering a mix of residential, retail and commercial spaces as well as an open park along Rock Creek. The metro station, centrally located at Dupont Circle, is a short three-block walk from the hostel's site, providing the most convenient transportation to most of Washington's many points of interest.