Columbia’s long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

Project Scope

The initial phase of development will include the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the Lenfest Center for the Arts, a new home for the Columbia Business School, and The Forum. Later phases will emphasize interdisciplinary scholarship, including biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, systems biology, and urban and population studies, as well as housing for graduate students and faculty.

Current Construction Activity

Jerome L. Greene Science Center

The Building is in the final stage of closeout of trades, and is undergoing a phased occupancy plan.

The Forum

Installation of ceiling, ceramic tiling, flooring, permanent lighting and devices. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems completion and testing. Starting site work.

Phase 2 Foundations

The foundation contractor is currently performing the following activities: steel erection and shear walls, concrete pile caps, concrete pressure slab, and importing drainage stone. The dewatering system is in operation.

Community News

Columbia Hosts Career Expo, Providing Local Job Seekers with New, Diverse Opportunities

On Tuesday, March 27, over 270 job seekers including more than 100 residents from West Harlem and surrounding communities attended a Career Expo hosted by Columbia University at Columbia’s Roone Arledge Auditorium. Participants met with hiring managers from 31 organizations, including departments across Columbia University, security firms, the construction industry, and more. The event also gave job seekers an opportunity to connect with representatives from job skills training organizations. The Columbia Employment Information Center hosted free job preparedness trainings throughout the day and taught participants how to apply for jobs within Columbia’s employment website.

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The Columbia Employment Information Center also provides useful employment services and training programs for obtaining meaningful work at Columbia University or elsewhere in the community at its location at 3180 Broadway. The Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM to answer questions and provide information related to construction activity and employment opportunities. Walk-ins are welcome, or an appointment can be scheduled by contacting ceic@columbia.edu or 212-851-1551.

The All of Us Research Program is coming to New York City on May 6

The All of Us Research Program wants to speed up health research and medical breakthroughs. Grab your family and friends for an afternoon of community, conversation, and more! This free, family-friendly community event will feature health screenings, interactive health demos, entertainment, music, healthy food, and more. This event is taking place on May 6 from 1:00 - 5:00 PM at the Abyssinian Baptist Church at 132 Odell Clark Place in Manhattan.

Community Health Fair : 1:00 – 3:30 PM
Program Kick-Off: 3:30 – 5:00 PM
For more information, please visit launch.joinallofus.org, call 212-305-2838, or email allofus@cumc.columbia.edu.
What to Expect

Although contractors carefully stage construction activities to minimize disruption to the surrounding community, the nature of construction work is such that some disruptions will occur. The community should expect the following in the coming months:

- Regular work hours are 7:00AM - 6:00PM Monday through Friday
- Weekend work may be performed.
- Closure of certain traffic lanes, parking lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks, including:
  - No standing on West 125th Street between Broadway and West 129th Street.
  - There is a no parking zone in effect on the west side of Broadway from West 125th to 129th Streets.
  - Broadway sidewalk is open from West 129th to West 130th Street. The Broadway parking lane is a no parking zone.
  - West 131st Street between Broadway and 12th Ave is closed and will remain closed until early 2019.
  - West 130th Street between Broadway and 12th Ave is a no standing or parking zone.
  - West 129th Street between Broadway and West 125th Street is closed until approximately June 2018.

Community Amenities and Benefits

To access the Columbia University’s Community Services Website, please visit: manhattanville.columbia.edu then click “Community” in the navigation menu.

Minority, Women, and Local Businesses and Workforce

Columbia has made a significant commitment to the minority, women, and local (MWL) construction contracting and workforce community throughout the course of the project: MWL construction trade contracting goal of 35 percent and MWL construction trade workforce goal of 40 percent. Working with construction contractors and the building trades, Columbia is working to enhance the role MWL firms and workers play in building the new campus. All figures represent non-specialty construction services and related materials.

Construction Contracting

In the fourth quarter 2017 (October 1 to December 31), Columbia paid $41,168,110 to MWL firms, representing 64 percent of total construction spend. $36,610,558 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through December 31, 2017, Columbia paid $249,966,374 to MWL firms, representing 42 percent of total construction spend. $131,314,168 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Construction Workforce

In the fourth quarter 2017 (October 1 to December 31), the MWL construction workforce delivered 49,387 hours worked, representing 51 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 4,827 hours of that figure were performed by the local workforce.

Jobs and Opportunities

As the project progresses, we expect additional opportunities for people with a wide range of skills and experience in the coming years.

We are working with our construction partners Skanska USA/the Velez Organization (for the Forum), Lendlease (for Phase 2 foundations/below-grade), and Turner Construction (for the Business School) to assist those interested in employment with construction firms currently working at Columbia. For more information, please visit the Manhattanville Employment Opportunities page at manhattanville.columbia.edu/jobs-opportunities.

Additional Information

This newsletter and our weekly construction updates (which contain more specific information about construction impacts) will be available on the web at manhattanville.columbia.edu and at various locations at the project site and throughout the Manhattanville area. Please note that construction activities are subject to change based on field conditions. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who is temporarily inconvenienced by these projects.

Should you have questions about construction activity, call the Columbia Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or e-mail projx@columbia.edu. For more project information, to view upcoming bid opportunities, and to sign-up for our e-mail updates visit manhattanville.columbia.edu.

Now Open: The Wellness Center

The Wellness Center, located at 610 W. 130th Street in the Greene Science Center, is home to two programs dedicated to empowering the community through mental health and stroke prevention education, along with providing free blood pressure readings, cholesterol screening, and AIC Glucose testing. Programs and services at the Wellness Center are free and available to the public. Visit the Center to learn more.
Community News

There are many upcoming workshops, lectures and events taking place in the months ahead, free and open to the public. Learn about some of the upcoming events below.

What Can Neuroscience Contribute to Economics?
Seminar on May 7

Economics, psychology and neuroscience, among other disciplines, all have staked their claim to the study of decision-making. New technologies to examine human and animal brains alongside behavior — and the increased spatial and temporal resolution of those technologies in recent years — have brought these fields even closer together. Combining psychological and economic models with behavioral and neural correlates, Neuroeconomics is a burgeoning area of research that has grown exponentially in the past 15 years. Experts from a variety of fields have turned to neuroimaging, electrophysiology, EEG/EMG/EKG, and other neuroscientific tools to investigate and attempt to tease apart highly complex decision-making behaviors. This has led to a number of new breakthroughs in understanding how humans and other organisms ascribe value to, and calculate risk for, social, preferential, and ambiguous stimuli in their environments. What are the best uses of neuroscience in economics research, and how can these be further refined and improved upon? Does an increased emphasis on the neural correlates of behavior expand or limit the types of questions that are now investigated? What does the future hold for our understanding of the human mind, and what are the implications for economics and the decision sciences?

Speaker: Ernst Fehr, Professor of Economics and Director of the UBS International Center of Economics in Society, University of Zurich
Respondents: Jacqueline Gottlieb, Professor of Neuroscience, Columbia University
Ifat Levy, Associate Professor of Comparative Medicine and Neuroscience, Yale University
Moderator: Michael Woodford, John Bates Clark Professor of Political Economy, Columbia University

This event is free and open to the public and will take place on May 7 from 4:15 - 6:15 PM in Faculty House at 64 Morningside Drive. RSVP is required. Please contact presidencialsscholars@columbia.edu for more information.

Did you know?

Columbia University Facilities and Operations is Offering a High School Internship Program for Summer—Apply Now

Participants in the 2017 Columbia University Local Community High School Summer Internship Program. Students living in Northern Manhattan and the South Bronx can apply to this summer's program, which provides participants with practical work experience across Columbia University Facilities and Operations.

This summer Columbia University Facilities and Operations is offering a number of paid internships for high school students living in the local community (Northern Manhattan and South Bronx) looking to gain real work experience before graduation. Previous work experience is a plus, but is not required. Various interactive activities will be available during the internship to promote learning and increase exposure to various aspects of facilities, design and construction management programs. If you have an interest in urban planning, architecture, engineering, communications, construction, finance or are looking for a rewarding work experience, we want to hear from you!

The paid internships begin on July 9, 2018 and end on August 17, 2018. Applicants must be at least 16 years old at the time of the start of the internship.

Interested students who meet the requirements below should apply by May 18, 2018, at: cufo.columbia.edu/intern2018.
Construction Progress Images

- Phase 2 foundations site, looking northeast
- (From L to R): Lenfest Center for the Arts, Jerome L. Greene Science Center, and the Forum (under construction)
- The Forum, looking northwest
- Aerial view looking northeast

Sustainable Partnerships

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