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**

Roughing for electrical devices. Trenching and shoring at W.129th Street. Framing and sheet rocking throughout building. Mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems completion and testing.

**Phase 2 Foundations**

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

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The Jerome L. Greene Science Center and Lenfest Center for the Arts

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**Community News**

**Scholarship applications now available for Little Lions Camp this summer**

Since 2009, Columbia University has offered more than 200 scholarships to the West Harlem Development Corporation to select locally eligible children to attend Columbia University’s Summer Little Lions Camp.

The West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) is now receiving applications for scholarships for Little Lions Camp for this summer. Since 2009, Columbia University has offered more than 200 weekly scholarships to the WHDC to select locally eligible children to attend Little Lions Camp.

Eligible applicants for a scholarship must be Manhattan Community District 9 residents between the ages of 6 through 12. Manhattan Community District 9 is bounded by Cathedral Parkway on the south; 155th Street on the north; Manhattan, Morningside, St Nicholas, Bradhurst, and Edgecombe Avenues on the east; and the Hudson River on the west.

The camp consists of sports and games typically including basketball, whiffle ball, volleyball, soccer, track, frisbee, dodgeball, gaga ball, and more, along with activities such as arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, and trivia games. Many of the counselors and instructors at Little Lions Camp are Columbia students, student-athletes and coaches. In addition to the expert staff, campers have access to Columbia’s Division 1 athletic facilities. Applications for scholarships are available on the WHDC website at westharlemdc.org. Applications are due to the WHDC by Thursday March 15.
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 third quarter 2017 (July 1 to September 30), Columbia paid $13,416,116 to MWL firms, representing 52 percent of total construction spend. $6,841,383 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through September 30, 2017, Columbia paid $209,171,054 to MWL firms, representing 39 percent of total construction spend, excluding the amount paid to the construction manager. $94,831,436 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Construction Workforce

In the third quarter 2017 (July 1 to September 30), the MWL construction workforce delivered 38,063 hours worked, representing 45 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 4,510 hours of that figure were performed by the local workforce.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through September 30, 2017, the MWL construction workforce delivered 1,436,102 hours worked, representing 49 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 252,952 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) and Lendlease (for Phase 2 foundations/below-grade) 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 prox@columbia.edu. For more project information, to view upcoming bid opportunities, and to sign-up for our e-mail updates visit manhattanville.columbia.edu.

Neighboring construction projects not related to Columbia

- New York City Economic Development Corporation’s West 125th Street Streetscape Improvement Project, please contact Patrick Jordan at 917-439-4630 or west125@zetlin.com.
- New York City Department of Transportation’s Protective Coating of the Riverside Drive Viaduct from St. Clair Place to 135th St., please contact Community Liaison Hugh Smith at 917-434-1385 or via e-mail at riversideviaduct@gmail.com

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.

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**Apply to CU Grow, a Leadership Development Program for Vendors**

Columbia University is seeking established Minority, Women and Local Business Enterprises (MWLBE) to apply to be part of the second cohort of CU Grow, a Columbia-initiated program designed to help MWLBE vendors of the University grow their businesses.

To be eligible for the program, vendors must be certified minority- or women-owned business enterprises, or be based in Upper Manhattan or the South Bronx, have achieved a level of success, and be an existing vendor of the University or provide a product or service in need at the University.

Program participants engage with skilled coaches, attend sessions to enhance their business acumen, network with industry business leaders and create a growth plan to chart their companies’ growth. In addition, there is a strong emphasis to build vendor relationships with purchasers at Columbia and with University affiliates and partners in an effort to lead to more contracting opportunities. Participants will have the opportunity to participate in procurement events over the course of the program.

Interested firms can attend an information session on Thursday March 1 at 4 p.m. To register to attend the information session, or to apply to be part of the second cohort, visit cufo.columbia.edu/cu-grow.

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**Columbia Emeritus Professors and School of Professional Studies Present Spring 2018 Speaker Series in West Harlem**

Emeritus Professors in Columbia (EPIC) is a professional and social fellowship of people who have formally retired from their Columbia careers as university professors, researchers, and administrators but are still professionally active. Since its founding in 1998, EPIC has worked to continually expand its portfolio of activities and in 2017 launched its first Speakers Series in collaboration with the CU School of Professional Studies (SPS) Community Relations office.

The Series, coordinated by Morningside Retirement and Health Services (MRHS), is free and open to the public, and will be held at 100 LaSalle Street, Room #MC. For more information: 212-666-4000 or ronb@mrhsny.org.

**PROGRAM SPRING, 2018**

**March 14, 7 PM**

Ferdinand Ofodile, Clinical Professor Emeritus of Surgery, Columbia University Medical Center, will speak on: 'The Diaspora and The Medically Underserved: A Case for a New Approach.’ This is an illustrated talk about Professor Ofodile’s experience working with Diaspora groups to provide medical aid in Africa and the Caribbean.

**April 18, 7 PM**

Phyllis Trible, Baldwin Professor Emerita of Sacred Literature, Union Theological Seminary, will speak on: ‘Eve and Adam in the Gardens.’ For millennia, readers have interpreted the story of “Adam and Eve” by pandering to him and blaming her for their expulsion from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 2-3). But there are more excellent ways. This talk will undercut the traditional reading by exploring anew the story of Eve and Adam as they enter the Gardens of Morningside.

**May 16, 7 PM**

Michael V Susi, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Columbia University; local historian and postcard collector, will speak on: ‘Columbia University on Morningside Heights – The Early Years in Postcard Views.’ As the title implies, Mr. Susi takes us on a tour of Morningside Heights using vintage postcards he began collecting more than 20 years ago.

**June 6, 2 PM**

Mischa Schwartz, Charles Bachelor Professor Emeritus in Electrical Engineering, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University, will speak on: ‘Engineers in America – Early History.’ Professor Schwartz chronicles infrastructure development in the United States in the early to mid-1800s, then follows briefly with the development of engineering education in the US concluding with the birth of Columbia’s School of Mines in 1864, and the department of Electrical Engineering within it in 1892.

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**Columbia University Partners with Local Community Organizations to Create a Festive Holiday Evening for Local Families in Need**

On December 22, Columbia University Facilities and Operations and Skanska joined with Morningside Gardens, Parish Care Ministry, NYPD 26th Precinct, Harlem United, St. Mary’s Harlem, and Morningside Retirement and Health Services to bring “Winter Wonderland” to Riverside Church. Winter Wonderland provided children and families living in transitional housing in West Harlem the opportunity for a festive and fun night out. In addition to music and dancing, children could select wrapped presents ranging from toys and clothing, to homemade gifts. Volunteers served families a homemade dinner while guests were able to enjoy a holiday evening with their families. The successful event brought together many neighborhood organizations and helped support members of the local community.

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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 east

Aerial view looking northeast

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