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**

**The Forum**

Occupants have moved in. Punch list, commissioning, and training continue.

**Columbia Business School**

The Columbia Business School’s two new facilities, The Ronald O. Perelman Center for Business Innovation and the Henry R. Kravis Building, are currently under construction. Steel erection is currently underway for the Henry R. Kravis Building. In addition, concrete on metal deck installation is ongoing at level 1 and underground plumbing and vapor barrier installation is ongoing at the sub-cellar 3 level. The dewatering system is in operation.

**W. 132nd Street Demolition**

The former Tuck-it-Away facility and adjacent former apartment complex on the corner of W. 132nd Street and Broadway are scheduled for demolition by summer of 2019. The sites are currently undergoing installation of scaffolding. Asbestos abatement work is ongoing.

**Visit The Forum**

Come relax or have a pop-up meeting at The Forum, enjoying free Wi-Fi and ample work space throughout the ground floor. Building hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. Enjoy delicious soups, sandwiches, coffee and tea in The Café at The Forum, open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., featuring locally sourced ingredients and products.

**Community News**

**CU Grow Vendor Development Program Graduates**

Second Cohort of Minority, Women and Local Vendors

Members of the second cohort of the CU Grow program at the graduation ceremony on December 10.

**CU Grow: Vendor Development Program**, a Facilities and Operations initiative designed to help minority-, women- and locally owned (MWL) vendors of the University grow their businesses, graduated its second cohort at an event this evening at Faculty House. The 11 graduating businesses, which ranged from architecture firms, plumbers, environmental remediation experts, and more, were matched with an executive coach from a group of University administrators and partner organizations based on the specific needs of the business and the coach’s areas of expertise. Over the course of the nine-month program, the coaches led the business owners through a curriculum developed by the Columbia University School of Professional Studies (SPS) designed to help vendors create a three-year growth plan, connect them with resources to gain specific knowledge and review their overall business plan.

In addition to the capacity building and coaching, there is a strong emphasis to build vendor relationships with purchasers at Columbia and with University affiliates and partners in an effort to identify more contracting opportunities. Program participants had the opportunity to participate in four procurement events with substantial opportunities from Columbia University and other businesses over the course of the nine-month program. Additionally, at each event, firms were able to network and participate in a Q&A with Columbia University Procurement officers.

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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 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., 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.

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 second quarter 2018 (April 1 to June 30), Columbia paid $20,118,549 to MWL firms, representing 41 percent of total construction spend. $10,466,503 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through June 30, 2018, Columbia paid $269,045,294 to MWL firms, representing 42 percent of total construction spend, excluding the amount paid to the construction manager. $137,382,961 of that figure was paid to local companies.

Construction Workforce

In the second quarter 2018 (April 1 to June 30), the MWL construction workforce delivered 50,862 hours worked, representing 60 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 4,241 hours of that figure were performed by the local workforce.

Cumulatively from August 1, 2008, through June 30, 2018, the MWL construction workforce delivered 1,581,310 hours worked, representing 50 percent of the total workforce hours for the construction of the new Manhattanville campus. 265,730 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 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.

Neighboring construction projects not related to Columbia

- 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 riversideviaduct@gmail.com.

Columbia University Donates New Printers to Local Organizations

Columbia University recently donated new HP all-in-one printers purchased with rewards points from HP’s loyalty program to 32 organizations in Harlem and the surrounding community.

Collaborating with Central Purchasing’s new Vice President of Purchasing, David Beaver, who identified the opportunity, the Facilities and Operations Construction Business Initiatives team identified and coordinated delivery to organizations in need of new printers, which included a school, recovery center, men’s shelter, community centers, and senior centers. Each printer came with a complimentary three-year service plan.

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Community News

Free Course Auditing Available to Members of Upper Manhattan Community

By Maggie Borrows, Office of Government and Community Affairs

One of the Columbia programs available to members of the community is free course auditing through the Columbia University School of Professional Studies. Providing access to lectures in a broad range of academic disciplines, auditing is an opportunity to be present in a classroom setting and engage intellectually with readings without being required to complete assignments, take examinations, or receive a grade.

Through the Manhattanville Course Auditing and Lifelong Learners Program, interested applicants pay no fees for the application or courses and can audit up to two courses per academic year. In order to participate, interested parties must fill out the online application and provide proof of residence such as a state-issued ID or a current utility bill. This program is open to residents of specific zip codes in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx who are not currently enrolled in higher education, with 50 spaces reserved specifically for residents of Grant and Manhattanville Houses. Because there are a limited number of spaces available and seats are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as courses are posted.

Current Lifelong Learning auditor Marlene Taber was born in 1939 and lives in Inwood. She got involved with the program after hearing about it from a friend and has audited classes in English and music. She says the program has helped her become “more aware of the importance of technology in our lives,” as well as provided her with updates on the social and political values of the country. It has also allowed her to get involved with the Roma People’s Project, which is based at Columbia and works to expand Roma studies.

Another current Manhattanville auditor is Ernest Hernandez, who got involved with the program after discovering it on the School of Professional Studies website. Ernest is using the program to become involved with the campus community and get used to business school classes, prior to applying to the Columbia Business School in a few years. He is also auditing classes that he can apply to his current career in hotel management.

More information on Manhattanville Course Auditing is available through the School of Professional Studies website, or by contacting auditing@sps.columbia.edu or 212-854-9666.

Wallach Art Gallery Winter Events

Explore the Wallach Art Gallery’s winter exhibition, *Posing Modernity: The Black Model from Manet and Matisse to Today*, and enjoy free programing!

**Wallach Sketch Session**

Saturday, January 12, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Experiment with different drawing techniques as you take a closer look at works on view in *Posing Modernity*. Materials will be provided; no previous drawing experience required. All are welcome.

**Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis**

Saturday, January 26, 2:00 p.m.

Bordeaux may be known for its red wine and its historic architecture but before there was Black Paris there was Black Bordeaux. Beginning in the eighteenth century, Bordeaux was a site of migration, artisanal labor, and industrial expansion using enslaved and free black labor. Historian Lorelle Semley finds traces of these African and Caribbean women, men, and children in tattered documents, rare paintings, and in the very map of the city. Imagining this Black Bordeaux also allows us to rethink Black Paris and Black France beyond the music, art, and politics of the twentieth century. Registration is required. Please register for this event by contacting wag_programs@columbia.edu.

All events are free and open to the public, and will take place at the Wallach Gallery, located at 615 W. 129th Street. For more information, please visit wallach.columbia.edu.

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CU Grow Vendor Development Program Graduates Second Cohort of Minority, Women and Local Vendors

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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 annual revenue between $250,000 and $5 million, and be an existing vendor of the University or provide a product or service that is immediately needed at the University.

Vendors that graduated from the second cohort include:

- A&J Consulting and Engineering Services, P.C.
- Aaris Atepa Architects, LLC
- Absolute Plumbing and Heating Corp.
- AR Construction
- G-Squared Electric, LLC
- Kimco Group, Inc.
- Lashay’s Construction & Development Inc.
- S.A Barcia Inspections, LLC
- TJ Signs & Designs, LLC
- TygaBox Systems, Inc.
- Watson’s Plumbing & Heating Building Services Inc.

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Construction Progress Images

Columbia Business School site, looking northeast

Lenfest Center for the Arts (left) and the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, with the Small Square in the foreground

The Forum, looking north (Photo credit: Frank Oudeman/Columbia University)

Aerial view looking northeast

Sustainable Partnerships

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