



Growing Together

Columbia University's Manhattanville in West Harlem Campus Plan

Over the next three decades, 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 first phase of the project will include the Jerome L. Greene Science Center; a new location for the Columbia Business School, the School of International and Public Affairs, and the School of the Arts; as well as a permanent site for the newly opened Columbia-assisted public secondary school for math, science, and engineering. 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.

Site Work/Infrastructure

Utility Improvements

Columbia University, in accordance with Department of Environmental Protection standards, is undertaking a street utility relocation, reconstruction and drainage improvement project to replace outdated 19th-century sewage and water main systems in the Manhattanville area of West Harlem. This project will improve service to the surrounding community as well as to the University.

Work will be conducted in phases, beginning on Broadway between 130th Street south to 129th Street and then west along 129th and 125th Streets to an existing sewage regulator on 12th Avenue.

Columbia awarded the contract for this utility relocation work to Felix Associates, a locally-owned firm based in the Bronx.

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:

- **Mobilization work** related to the utility improvement work and the demolition/abatement of certain University properties
- Continuation of **boring and test pit work** around the project area
 - Scheduled work hours are 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

We appreciate the patience and cooperation of everyone who is temporarily inconvenienced by these improvement projects.

Advance Notice

Advance notice of all upcoming construction activity is detailed on our two-week look ahead schedule, which is posted:

- In front of Reality House at 637 West 125th Street
- Adjacent to 3229 Broadway at West 130th Street
- On the fence at the east side of Broadway and West 129th Street
- On the Web at <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>

Recent News

SLICE Program Highlights Columbia's Role in Local Workforce Development



Many people don't realize that Columbia University is New York City's seventh largest non-governmental employer, with more than two-thirds of its 14,000 employees residing in the city's

five boroughs, and nearly 30 percent of its staff in upper Manhattan neighborhoods. While maintaining a community-based, walk-in employment center at 125th Street and Broadway, the University also supports a growing array of job training, workforce development and small business mentoring programs aimed at expanding economic opportunity for New Yorkers.

A prime example is the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science Service Learning in a Community Environment (SLICE) program, which delivers technology training and job placement for adult members of the local community. Such efforts were a focus of the New York City Global Partners job creation and workforce development summit that Columbia co-hosted in June 25-26.

SLICE is a 16-month program offering residents of Harlem and other neighboring communities the chance learn computer skills that can lead to challenging new information technology careers. The 16-month certification program is free to all participants, who learn how to design and maintain websites, interact with clients, work in teams, ask for and cultivate feedback, solve problems, and communicate effectively. SLICE helps its students find employment through a strategic alliance with WorkForce OutSource Services (WOS).

SLICE is one of many job training and workforce development programs at Columbia, including partnerships with the City University of New York to increase the number of Harlem and Washington Heights residents entering the medical lab technician field and The ACE Mentor Program, a not-for-profit organization, to help prepare high school students for careers in the fields of design and construction. "Universities are increasingly central drivers of the urban economy," according to public policy Professor Ester Fuchs, who helped organize the Global Partners summit with Mayor Bloomberg's office, "we not only provide stable employment and opportunities for career advancement, but jobs that will be here in

the future. Columbia has both the capacity and the need to enhance the skills of New Yorkers in every community and its current workforce programs reflect this goal."

Employment and Construction Opportunities

We expect the Manhattanville in West Harlem campus plan to create numerous opportunities for people with a wide range of skills and experience. Specific opportunities will be announced as the project progresses. If you are interested in finding out more about job opportunities at Columbia, please visit <http://jobs.columbia.edu>. You are also invited to visit the Columbia University Employment Information Center in person at 3180 Broadway (just south of West 125th Street).

As a service to those interested in employment with construction firms currently working at Columbia, we have developed a referral process at <http://www.facil.columbia.edu/cref>.

Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Newsletter Distribution

This newsletter will be available at the following locations, as well as other locations throughout the Manhattanville area:

- Community Board 9, 16-18 Old Broadway at 126th Street
- Columbia University Employment Information Center, 3180 Broadway just south of West 125th Street
- Studebaker Café, 615 West 131st Street between Broadway & 12th Avenue
- Reality House, 637 West 125th Street between Broadway & 12th Avenue
- Columbia University Visitors Center, 213 Low Library at 116th Street and Broadway

Contact Information

Should you have a question about construction activity, we encourage you to call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or e-mail Columbia University Facilities Construction Business Services at projx@columbia.edu.

You can also find updated project information on our Neighbors Web site at: <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>.