



# Growing Together

Monthly Newsletter of 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.

## Construction Activity

### 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standards, is undertaking a street utility relocation, reconstruction and drainage improvement project to replace outdated 19th-century sewage and water main systems in the Manhattanville area of West Harlem.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.

### Abatement and Demolition

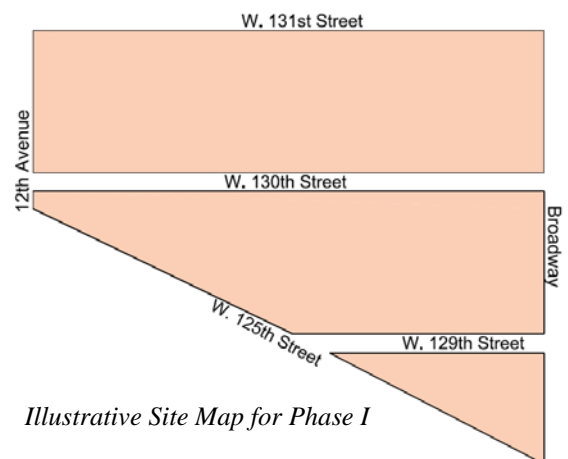
The abatement and demolition of certain buildings presently located in the project area will occur in phases and will utilize environmentally sustainable best practices. Columbia has a strong commitment to maintaining the safety of the job site and of the surrounding community. Preventative safety measures include sidewalk bridging, new construction fencing, scaffolding and netting, site safety management and on-site loading areas.

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

## 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:

- **Installation of new gas piping** in two locations:
  - Location #1 is on the west side of Broadway in the sidewalk just north of 129th Street, moving south crossing 129th Street to sidewalk just south of 129th Street
  - Location #2 is on the west side of Broadway in the sidewalk, just north of 130th Street moving south crossing 130th Street to the sidewalk just south of 130th Street
  - Scheduled work hours are 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM Monday through Friday at Location #1 and 10:00 pm to 6:00 AM Monday through Friday at Location # 2
  - Work scheduled to be completed by the end of September
- **Start of abatement and demolition** of certain University properties
- **Continuation of boring, test pit and monitoring well work** around the project area. Scheduled work hours are 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday



*Illustrative Site Map for Phase I*

## Recent News

### Columbia Partners with Local Groups to Create Green Job Opportunities



As part of its continuing commitment to environmental sustainability and to providing employment opportunities to its neighbors, Columbia University hosted a “green” salvage and reuse on-the-job training program this summer in Harlem.

Utilizing about 40 men and women from two local job training and placement programs, Columbia began the process of carefully deconstructing a university building on West 125th Street called Reality House. Approximately 40 tons of surplus materials — office and classroom furniture, file cabinets, electronic equipment, lighting fixtures, scrap metal and wood — was removed. Ninety percent of the materials were suitable for recycling and were donated both locally and internationally.

“This project enhances the University’s commitment to environmental sustainability while reusing materials and creating green job opportunities within our community,” said Joe Ienuso, Columbia’s executive vice president for facilities. “We hope to emulate the success of these types of win-win projects in the future.”

“We created a pioneering worker training model in partnership with Nontraditional Employment for Women, the School of Cooperative Technical Education, Institution Recycling Network and Build It Green! NYC to deliver remarkable results for the environment and these men and women,” said Philip Pitruzzello, Columbia’s vice president for Manhattanville Development.

## 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>. If you are interested in potential construction contracting opportunities, visit <http://facilities.columbia.edu/bid> for upcoming bid opportunities.

Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

## Newsletter & Look Ahead Distribution

This newsletter and two week look ahead advance notifications 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
- Adjacent to 3229 Broadway at West 130th Street
- On the Web at <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>

## 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](mailto:projx@columbia.edu).

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