



# Growing Together

Monthly Newsletter of Columbia University's  
Manhattanville in West Harlem Campus Plan

**O**ver 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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, the School of the Arts; and a permanent site for the 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.

## Current Construction Activity

### Utility Improvements

Installation of new dedicated storm sewer segments along Marginal Street between St. Clair Place and West 125th Street; West 125th Street between Marginal and 12th Avenue; and 12th Avenue between West 125th Street and West 133rd Street.

### Abatement and Demolition

Abatement and demolition using environmentally sustainable best practices is ongoing at select University-owned buildings within the blocks bordered by 12th Ave, W 132nd, Broadway and W 129th St.

### Slurry Wall and Foundation

Excavation, construction of the slurry wall (concrete perimeter wall) and construction of the foundation (part of the structural system that supports the buildings) at the eastern half of the block bounded by West 129th Street and West 130th Street, west of Broadway.

## 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: 7 a.m.—6 p.m. Night work hours (at select locations and times per NYC DOT): 9 p.m.—6 a.m.
  - Additional work hours, up until 10:00 pm several times a week, will be required to complete slurry wall concrete pours that began during regular work hours
- Closure of certain traffic lanes, parking lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks, including:
  - Closure of one southbound travel lane and parking lane along east side of 12th Ave between St. Clair Place and 125th Street
  - Closure of Marginal Street Service Road (including sidewalk) between St. Clair Place and W 125th Street
- Demolition of buildings along the east side of 12th Avenue between West 130th Street and West 131st Streets

More specific information about construction impacts can be found in our weekly construction updates at [campusplan.columbia.edu](http://campusplan.columbia.edu). 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.

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## Recent News

### Combined Sewer Upgrade and Relocation Complete



*The combined sewer upgrade and relocation project will help improve water quality of the Hudson River and improve service to the community*

This summer, Columbia University completed the upgrade and relocation of a combined (sanitary and storm) sewer. The project, which began in fall 2009 and involved construction activity on Broadway, West 125th Street, West 129th Street, 12th Avenue and Marginal Street, is part of the University's efforts to replace outdated 19th century sewage and water main systems in Manhattanville in West Harlem.

The project improves the water quality of the Hudson River by reducing flows to the local New York City wastewater treatment plant, reducing the amount of combined sewages overflows (discharge of excess wastewater) into the river and helps New York City's goal of being able to use its rich network of waterways as recreational resources.

The project also improves service to the community by upgrading outdated infrastructure, reducing street flooding and sewer backups, and facilitating the upgrade of other utility services.

## Jobs and Opportunities

### Employment Opportunities

Job opportunities are currently limited as we are in the initial phases of our vision. Major trade unions working on the site currently include Laborers (locals 731, 78 and 79), Operating Engineers (locals 14 and 15) and Dock builders (local 1456). As the project progresses, we expect additional opportunities for people with a wide range of skills and experience in the coming years.

As a service to those interested in employment with construction firms working at Columbia, we have developed a referral process at [www.facil.columbia.edu/cref](http://www.facil.columbia.edu/cref). You can also visit the Columbia University Employment Information Center (address listed below) to fill out a construction referral form.

### Bidding Opportunities

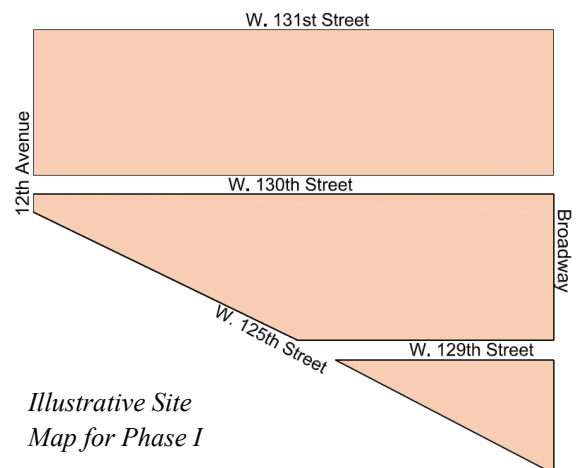
If you are interested in construction contracting opportunities, visit <http://campusplan.columbia.edu> for upcoming bid opportunities.

## Newsletter & Updates Distribution

This newsletter and our weekly construction updates will be available on the Web at <http://campusplan.columbia.edu> and at various locations at the project site and throughout the Manhattanville area.

## Contact Information

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](mailto:projx@columbia.edu). You can also find updated project information and sign-up for our e-mail updates at [campusplan.columbia.edu](http://campusplan.columbia.edu).



*Illustrative Site  
Map for Phase I*