



# 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 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.

### Schedule

The first phase of the project, scheduled for completion around 2015, 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, expected to be completed around 2030, 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standards, is undertaking a street utility relocation, reconstruction and drainage improvement project to replace outdated 19th-century sewage and water main systems in the Manhattanville area of West Harlem.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 is scheduled to be completed by early 2010 and 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 month:

- **No construction activity** is presently ongoing relating to the utility improvement work or the preliminary demolition/abatement of certain University properties
- **Environmental boring excavations** will take place within Columbia University properties located at 3221-3227 Broadway, 3233-3235 Broadway and 603-611 West 129th Street
  - **All work will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** unless otherwise noted on the two-week look ahead schedule

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 130th Street
- On the Web at <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>

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

## Recent News

### Columbia Hosts Receptions and Exhibitions for Local Artists



Continuing its tradition of offering exhibition spaces to artists from Upper Manhattan, Columbia University hosted a two-person artist exhibition featuring the work of Harlem artists Emmett Wigglesworth and Stefen Reed.

A native of Philadelphia, Emmett Wigglesworth has a myriad of titles – muralist, painter, printmaker, sculptor, fabric designer, and poet. His one-of-a-kind Giclee prints mirror his belief that “the enhancement of humanity gives life and talent meaning.” Emmett is a member of the Weusi Artists Collective, a Harlem-based artist group established in the 1960s.

Born in Harlem, Stefen Reed is a multi-media artist whose abstract and figurative work is inspired by visual and literary artists such as Gordon Parks and Langston Hughes. Reed creates his work through a mélange of mediums including photography, paint, collage, spray paint, acrylic paint, craypas, and chalk. A member of the Harlem Arts Alliance, Reed’s work has appeared in numerous group exhibitions and venues.

Dionis Ortiz curated the show. A free public reception was held at Realty House on April 16, and the show ran through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

A free public reception for a new art exhibition, entitled “Truthful Myth”, was held at Realty House on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition features works by the students of City College’s Digital Photography 2 Class and is on display through May 28<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

For additional information on the arts exhibition program at Columbia, please contact the Office of Government and Community Affairs at 212-854-1324 or via e-mail at [communityaffairs@columbia.edu](mailto:communityaffairs@columbia.edu).

## Employment and Construction Opportunities

We expect design and construction work in Manhattanville 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>.

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>.

You are also invited to visit the Columbia University Employment Information Center in person at 3180 Broadway (just south of West 125th Street).

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](mailto:projx@columbia.edu).

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