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AMNH EXPANSION FACT SHEET

What's Happening at the Museum?

- The Museum is proposing to create the Richard Gilder Center for Science, Innovation, and Education, which will include classrooms, scientific laboratories, and expanded exhibition and collection spaces.
- The project will be constructed on the Columbus Avenue side of the Museum complex, centered at 79th Street, with three existing buildings being demolished to make space.
- Every member of the City Council, including the Bronx and Queens delegations, voted to fund this project.



How will it affect Theodore Roosevelt Park?

- **Ninety percent** of the new building will be **located within the area** currently occupied by AMNH.
- The new building will take up 2.5% of the Park's total space -- extending $\frac{1}{4}$ acre into the Park -- and will affect the area immediately surrounding the current entrance at 79th. The rest of the ten acre park, including the dog run, will be unaffected.
- Of 9 trees potentially impacted, one will be saved, another transplanted, and seven cannot be saved. Six new canopy trees and 13 new understory trees will be planted.

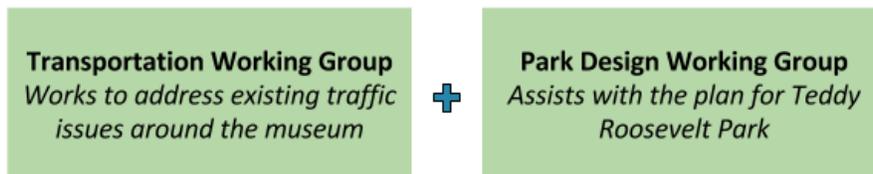
How has the project changed since it was first proposed?

- In [response to community concerns, my office](#): helped to push AMNH to scale back the size of the project,
- required AMNH to establish **Park Design and Traffic working groups**, with local community organizations and elected officials, to work with AMNH to ensure a neighborhood feel for the new park area, and
- AMNH has committed to recreate the peaceful, quiet atmosphere (that exists now around the glass cube entrance) in the new landscaping. This includes planting new trees, the retention of the meandering paths, and the creation of new benches and seating areas away from the entrance of the new building.

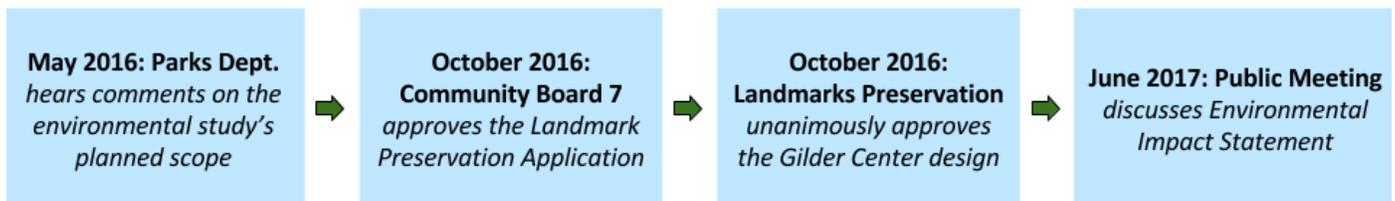


How has the public been involved?

- AMNH has convened two working groups to supplement the formal public review process. These groups are made up of local community organizations and elected officials.



- The Landmarks Preservation Commission has reviewed and approved the designs for the Gilder Center.



- The Parks Department has produced a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project, which was presented to Community Board 7 for review and comment. Public meetings were held throughout 2016. The Impact Statement was also discussed at a public meeting on June 15th, 2017.

Will the Gilder Center be Environmentally Sustainable?

According to its plans, the Gilder Center will be built with recycled steel and green cement replacements when possible, locally extracted and/or manufactured building materials, and wood that is certified sustainable. *At least 75% of the project's construction waste is to be diverted from landfills through reuse and recycling.*

- To **reduce its carbon footprint**, plans for the Gilder Center include:
 - Insulation exceeding building code requirements
 - Windows that optimize heat loss and solar heat gain
 - Installation of green roof sections
- The design plan for the Gilder Complex also includes certain **sustainable features**:
 - Water efficient landscaping with adaptive vegetation
 - A rooftop system to collect and reuse rain water on site
 - Lighting designs that consider impacts on the night sky & glass optimized to protect bird safety