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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. This new Center will include classrooms, scientific laboratories, exhibition and collection spaces, and will be used to display many more exhibits featuring the Museum's 33 million currently hidden specimens.
- 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.



How will it affect Theodore Roosevelt Park?

- While roughly 80% of the new building will be located within the area currently occupied by 3 museum buildings, the Center will extend $\frac{1}{4}$ acre into the Park.
- This new building will occupy 2.5% of the Park's total space and will affect the area immediately surrounding the current entrance at 79th. The rest of the park, including the dog run, will be unaffected.
- Seven trees will be removed, and one of those will be transplanted. Six new canopy trees and 13 new understory trees will be planted.

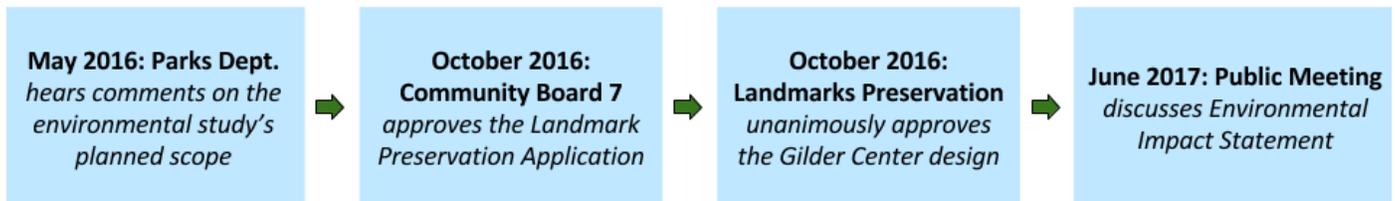
How has the project changed since it was first proposed?

- Council Member Helen Rosenthal has helped scale the size of the project in response to community concerns, cutting its impact on Teddy Roosevelt Park from $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre.
- The Museum has convened a Park Design Working group, made up of local community organizations and elected officials, to make suggestions on the redesign of the Park around the new entrance.
- As a result, the plan for the Park involves the planting of trees, the retention of the meandering paths, and the creation of new benches and seating areas away from the entrance of the new building.

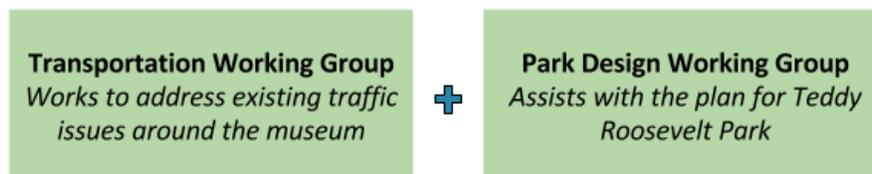


How has the public been involved?

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



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



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