



The  
Cathedral  
Church  
of Saint John  
the Divine

1047 Amsterdam Ave.  
at 112th Street  
New York, New York  
10025

# Real Estate Initiative: Developing and Preserving the Close for Future Generations

## North Site

### OVERVIEW

The North Site runs along 113<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Morningside Drive. In March 2005, the Cathedral signed an option agreement with Columbia University to lease the land and build an academic facility at this location. The option, which has not been exercised, may extend up to eight years. To date there are no designs for buildings on the site.

No buildings on the campus will be demolished or altered as a result of this development.

### DESIGN

The Cathedral set strict development guidelines for what could be built that were recorded in a Restrictive Declaration with the City of New York. The Restrictive Declaration insured that:

- The height of development is limited to the eave line of the Cathedral (approximately 145 feet).
- Views of the west façade, grand steps and north tower when approached from Amsterdam Avenue are protected.
- Views of the apse and chapels when approached from Morningside Drive are protected.
- The footprint of the building on its south side will be some 70 feet north of the Cathedral.
- The structure will be reduced in height at the portion of the site adjacent to the North Transept.

### IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLOSE

- The wide stairs in front of the Cathedral will be extended north and lead to a new plaza the width of Lexington Avenue between the Cathedral's nave and the new building. The plaza will be open to the public and provide access for the disabled to the nave.
- The building and plaza will replace metal sheds, a chain-link fence and parking.
- A large terrace overlooking Morningside Park, open to the public and accessible, will be created on the east end of the site.

# Fact Sheet

- The North Transept, when rebuilt, will be open to the public and accessible from 113<sup>th</sup> Street.

## **UPDATES**

As of April 2007, there are no current plans to begin work on the North site.

Please access the Cathedral's website [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org) for additional information and updates.

## **CONTACT US**

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