

Praise flows at World Trade Center site

Officials take stock of complex rising from the ruins, including the office towers and memorial with its dramatic waterfalls and mini forest, and pay tribute for jobs well done.

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As the cusp of the World Trade Center site opening to visitors for the first time since the attacks of Sept. 11, there is already much to see. All told, 225 trees have been planted at the memorial, the site's signature skyscraper reaches 80 stories into the sky and another rising tower stands at 40 stories.

On Sunday, a ceremony marking the tenth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks will dedicate the memorial, which features two pools with waterfalls in the foot prints of the old twin towers. President Barak Obama, Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York, Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey and Mayor Michael Bloomberg will speak at the ceremony, as will those who held those positions on that fateful day a decade earlier.

“This is all happening because New Yorkers refused to give up,” said Larry Silverstein, who hopes to construct up to three towers on the site, while speaking at a press conference downtown. “New Yorkers believed that we could and would create a World Trade Center in the heart of a