

National September 11 Memorial and Museum Prepares to Open

Construction progress on the National September 11 Memorial and Museum has been significant. Preparations for the public unveiling of the Memorial Plaza honoring 9/11 victims are well underway for the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Curtain wall (metal panel) installation has been completed on the exterior of the Pavilion, which will serve as the public entrance to the Memorial Museum in 2012. As work on the Pavilion progresses, swamp white oak trees continue to be installed on the plaza. The swamp white oaks, each handpicked and grown for seven years on a farm approximately 50 miles away from the site in Millstone, New Jersey, were installed in individual planter boxes and now stand 30 feet tall. The trees will eventually grow to 80 feet, creating a shade canopy for plaza visitors. The centerpiece of the plaza consists of two reflecting pools in the footprints of the original Twin Towers. Bronze parapets surrounding these pools display the names of the nearly 3,000 victims of the 9/11 attacks and the 1993 WTC bombing. Lighting installed inside the bronze parapets illuminates through the stencil-cut names at night. The sustainably designed plaza includes infrastructure that collects rainwater for irrigation of the trees. The 10th anniversary ceremony will take place on the plaza on September 11, 2011. Starting on September 12, 2011, the 9/11 Memorial will be open to the public. Visitors can obtain passes via the timed reservation system on the 9/11 Memorial website (911memorial.org).



1 WTC, Memorial Plaza, Pool, and Museum Pavillion

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS AROUND THE WTC SITE

One World Trade Center

Designed by the architect David Childs of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, 1 WTC will feature 3.5 million square feet, of which slightly more than 3 million is leasable space comprised of offices, an observation deck, world-class restaurants, parking, as well as broadcast and antennae facilities. When completed, 1 WTC will reach 104 floors and 1,776 feet in height, including the spire atop the structure. This iconic building is already changing the New York City skyline. With steel erection climbing from the 76th floor in early August to the 80th floor by the end of the month (approximately 971 feet above street level), and aluminum and glass curtain wall panel installation progressing through the 52nd floor, New Yorkers are starting to get a glimpse of the rising skyscraper from all over the city. The concrete floor slab was poured for the 64th floor sky lobby, which will serve as the elevator transfer floor for the top of the building. The building's amenities coupled with below grade access to the PATH and New York City Transit subways, will continue to attract world-class tenants such as anchor tenant and publishing giant Condé Nast, who signed a lease for the 21st through 40th floors in May 2011 and Vantone Industrial Co., Ltd., who signed a lease for the China Center to occupy the 64th through 69th floors in March 2009.

4 World Trade Center



In the southeast corner of the site, 4 WTC will rise to 64 stories (approximately 975 feet above street level) when complete and will house the future headquarters of The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Construction progress continues on this tower, as steel erection proceeds past the 34th floor. As the building rises, contractors have begun installing metal and glass panels around the exterior of the building. Glass curtain wall panel installation is currently proceeding on the 7th floor.

Transportation Hub



Upon completion, the Transportation Hub will connect the PATH Station, several NYC Transit Subway lines, and major destinations east and west of Route 9A/West Street. The PATH Station and Transit Hall portions of the Hub alone will be approximately 300,000 square feet. Progress continues rapidly on these vital portions of the Transportation Hub. Invert beams continue to be installed to permanently support the 1-line Subway box, which will run overhead of PATH patrons when complete.

