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Dear Neighbor,

We are writing to let you know that the University is scheduled to commence the demolition of the Coles Sports and Recreation building this August. This phase is expected to continue through early 2017, weather and field conditions permitting. 181 Mercer Street, the new multi-use building expected to be completed in fall 2021, will house much-needed new classrooms, performing arts education and training spaces, a modern athletic facility, student and faculty housing, and approximately 7,500 square feet of space for a public atrium and community uses. To learn more visit the 181 Mercer Street construction page.

NYU is committed to minimizing the effects of dust, noise, and traffic in the vicinity of the construction site and has developed a plan with Turner Construction Company (NYU’s construction manager for the project) to implement NYU’s Restrictive Declaration commitments for construction mitigation. With the approval of the Department of City Planning, Henningson, Durham & Richardson Architecture and Engineering, P.C. (HDR) has been retained as the independent third party monitor to oversee NYU’s mitigation efforts and their findings will be posted on the 181 Mercer Street construction page. Learn more about how we plan to minimize the effects of dust, noise, and traffic in the vicinity of the site.

Before demolition begins, a sound attenuating construction fence will be installed around the perimeter of the 181 Mercer Street site per the NYC Department of Transportation and Department of Buildings. The installation of this fence is expected to take place over a four week period beginning the week of August 1, weather permitting. To learn more see a site map or visit our About the Project Site FAQ page.

As part of the construction project, the trees located around the perimeter of Coles will be removed. Accordingly, NYU is paying restitution to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for these trees, and those funds will be used to plant and care for new trees in NYC. In addition, at the completion of the project, NYU will be responsible for planting new trees around the perimeter of 181 Mercer Street. Visit our About the Project Site FAQ page for information about the tree removals around the project site and plantings around the superblocks.

If you have any questions regarding the above update please do not hesitate to email me directly at heather.banoub@nyu.edu. To sign up to receive updates about NYU construction projects on the superblocks please fill out this online form.

Sincerely,
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