Bleecker Street Landscape
located on Bleecker Street between LaGuardia Place and Mercer Street
in the Borough of Manhattan

and

LaGuardia Place Landscape
located on LaGuardia Place between West 3rd and Bleecker Streets
in the Borough of Manhattan

PDC Preliminary and Final Review
October 5th, 2015
Napach Design Group
Nina Kramer Landscape Architecture
Open Space Oversight Organization*

- **June 2013** – OSOO and landscape architects attend site walk-through of Bleecker and LaGuardia spaces
- **November 2013** – OSOO holds two stakeholder meetings and one public forum
- **December 2013** – OSOO circulates design recommendations and meets with landscape architect and Parks Dept.
- **April 2014** – design review meeting held with OSOO, landscape architects, and Parks Dept.
- **June 2014** – OSOO sends NYU comments on updated designs
- **July 2014** – NYU sends response letter to OSOO
- **October 2014** – design review meeting held with OSOO following DPR Commissioner Silver approval of project
- **September 2015** – PDC presentation sent prior to the 10/5/15 PDC hearing

Community Board 2

- **December 11, 2014** – CB 2 Arts and Institutions Committee hearing
- **December 23, 2014** – CB 2 issues resolution
- **September 2015** – updated designs sent to CB2

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* Established by the City per the Core Expansion Restrictive Declaration; comprised of a representative from: the Office of the Manhattan Borough President; City Councilperson; NYC Department of Parks; Community Board 2; and NYU
SITE CONTEXT - EXISTING GREEN SPACES

Washington Square Park
West 4th Street Courts
Minetta Playground
Minetta Green
Minetta Triangle
LaGuardia Place
LaGuardia Corner Gardens
Bleecker Street Landscape
Time Landscape
CoGen Plaza
Private Planting beds
Mercer Playground

BLEECKER STREET AND LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPES

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

North Block (no permanent redevelopment prior to 2022)

South Block (Coles redevelopment underway)

NYU CORE PLAN – FINAL CONDITION 2031

North block proposed rendering

South block proposed rendering

BLEECKER STREET AND LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPES
GUIDING DESIGN PRINCIPLES

General Principles
• Integrate the north and south superblocks into the city and make them welcoming to the broader community
• Provide active and passive open spaces throughout the blocks, de-prioritizing cars and enhancing the pedestrian experience
• Ultimately, create one cohesive plan that knits together public and private open space and enriches the urban fabric

Bleecker Street Landscape
• Preserve the mature tree canopy
• Open up views to the Oak Grove and Bust of Sylvette statue
• Make interior sidewalk more welcoming and visible
• Integrate new and existing plantings to create complimentary, multi-season landscape

LaGuardia Place Landscape
• Preserve existing tree canopy and groundcover
• Minimal planting intervention to suit temporary nature of the space
• Use consistent materials to unify the site, such as hexagonal asphalt block pavers, and curved metal benches to match Adrienne’s Garden
CURRENT AND FUTURE PDC REVIEW

BLEECKER STREET LANDSCAPE

Current Proposal

Future PDC review
EXISTING CONTEXT

1. INTERIOR WALKWAY FLANKED BY FENCING

2. UNDERSTORY PLANTING AND FENCING LIMITS SIGHT LINES

BLEECKER STREET LANDSCAPE

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1. MATURE ASH TREES IN PLANTING BEDS PROVIDE SHADE AND GREENERY

2. VIEW FROM INSIDE SILVER TOWER OAK GROVE TO SYLVETTE STATUE

Bleecker Street Landscape

EXISTING CONTEXT
SILVER TOWERS LANDMARK BOUNDARY

BLEECKER STREET LANDSCAPE

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PROJECT AREA

LANDMARK SITE

WEST BROADWAY
WEST HOUSTON STREET

BLEECKER STREET

WEST HOUSTON STREET

NEW YORK CITY

DOT

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

NYC Parks

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LPC APPROVED FENCE TYPE

Proposed Fence Elevation

Proposed Fence Perspective

BLEECKER STREET

OAK GROVE & SHADE GARDEN

UNIVERSITY PLAZA

SILVER TOWER 2

NEW FENCE

LPC Approved Master Plan July 2011
Existing concrete pavement

Existing ash trees, typ.

Existing planting beds, typ.

Existing chain link fencing, typ.

Existing cobblestone pavement

Existing cobblestone driveway

Existing light fixture at silver towers, typ.

Existing concrete gutter/curb and existing 7' high picket fence, typ.

Bleecker Street

Limit of Work on NYC Property

Limit of Work on NYU-owned Silver Towers Property a NYC Landmark*

Bike Lane

Primary Pedestrian Flow

Secondary Pedestrian Flow

* Landmark Preservation Commission approval 7/27/11 and 11/5/14 for fence type and Oak Grove edge treatment
Bleecker Street

- 8’ 7’ – 4”
- 10’
- 17’

New concrete paving - typ.
Concrete sidewalk
New shrub and perennial plantings - typ.
Existing lightpole on landmarked property to remain - typ.
24” ht. fence with steel mesh at planting beds - typ.
Restore existing historic curb
New hedge
Bluestone pavement on concrete base
34” ht. fence to replace tall steel picket fence
Bluestone slabs set on grade - typ.
New concrete paving - typ.
New tree

* Landmark Preservation Commission approval 7/27/11 and 11/5/14
New hedge
Restore existing historic curb
Oak Grove
New tree

New concrete paving to match sidewalk
New precast concrete stepping stones with 1/2" polymeric stonedust joints

Existing trees to remain, and shall be pruned and fertilized
New concrete stepping stones with 1/2" polymeric stonedust joints

Note:
- Revisions from the August 3, 2015 site plan are indicated in red.

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PLANTING STRATEGY - EXISTING PLANTS TO REMAIN

Planting Legend - Existing to Remain
1. White Wood Aster / Aster divaricatus
2. Spotted Lady’s Thumb / Polygonum persicaria
3. Virginia Bluebell / Mertensia virginica
4. Christmas Rose / Helleborus niger
5. Toad Lily / Tricyrtis hirta
6. Barrenwort / Epimedium grandiflorum
7. Catmint / Nepeta sp.
8. Eastern Redbud / Cercis canadensis

Existing planting area to be replaced with new planting

DPR Forestry Report:
- Ash trees are healthy and in good condition, tree pruning recommended throughout
- Recommended #1 gallon container planted within 12 feet of Ash tree trunk

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EXISTING

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PROPOSED MATERIALS

STANDARD UNPIGMENTED CONCRETE PAVEMENT

PRECAST CONCRETE PAVERS WITH 1/2" POLYMERIC STONEDUST JOINTS

WELDED WIRE MESH FOR FENCE

TRASH RECEPTACLE

BLEECKER STREET LANDSCAPE
EXISTING CONTEXT

1. PAVED AREA AT LAGUARDIA STATUE

2. PAVED WALKS CROSS THE STRIP AT MIDBLOCK LOCATIONS

LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPE
EXISTING CONTEXT

1 BENCH IN ADRIENNE’S GARDEN

2 PEDESTRIAN SCALE RETAIL BORDERS LANDSCAPE AREA

LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPE
ORIGINAL PROPOSED SITE PLAN (August 3, 2015)

LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPE
REVISED PROPOSED SITE PLAN (October 5, 2015)

- New hexagonal asphalt block pavers at existing pathways to match existing Adrienne’s Garden (typical for all paths as indicated)
- Plan no longer includes north/south pathways, stepstone paths, boulder area and seating pods
- Iron wicket fencing to remain throughout
- Proposed reading circle with hexagonal asphalt block
- New curved benches (typ.) to match Adrienne’s Garden with RPL slats

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LEGEND
- Hexagonal Asphalt Block Pavers
- Existing Lamp Post with new LED light attached
- Existing Tree to Remain
- Existing Type B Lightpole
Adrienne's Garden

Notes:
1. Remove all topiary excluding Adrienne's Garden
2. Trim existing ivy to thin out

Crabapple to replace existing dead or declining tree
Shadblow to replace existing dead or declining tree

Existing planting area to remain

PLANTING STRATEGY

LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPE
ELEVATION FOR PROPOSED STATUE LIGHTING

EXISTING STREET LIGHT

NEW LUMENPULSE LIGHT ATTACHED TO NEW SUPPORT BAR

EXISTING STREET LIGHT POLE

GRADE

LUMENBEAM MEDIUM

FIORELLO LAGUARDIA STATUE

LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPE

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PLANT IMAGES AND MATERIALS

Fothergilla – In bloom

Crabapple tree

Hexagonal Asphalt Block Pavers

Fothergilla – Fall coloring

Shadblow tree

Metal bench with RPL slats – Bench type to match Adrienne’s Garden

LAGUARDIA PLACE LANDSCAPE

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