20 Penn Connects 2.0

Phase 2 (2011-2015)

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Penn Connects 2.0: Phase 2 (2011-2015) Theme 3 - Living and Learning
Penn Connects 2.0 integrates living and learning experiences on the campus with a focus on undergraduate life. This theme will enhance housing, learning, study centers, sports, recreation and composite facilities throughout the campus. *Penn Connects 2.0* features several priority new construction and renovation projects.

**New Construction**

**New College House at Hill Square**

This 21st-century student residence will be the first to be designed and built specifically as a College House since Penn’s popular College House system began in the late ’90s. With 350 beds, a modern dining commons, and house master suites, the new College House will offer undergraduates a premier home in which to live, learn, and grow as part of a supportive community of faculty, staff, and graduate students. Student residents interested in particular fields will be able to live in clusters, and the House will have its own student-managed program to present speakers and performers—all on a vibrant green quadrangle at Hill Square where a busy pedestrian path connects the campus with the city.

**Education Commons**

Located in the Mezzanine level at Franklin Field, the Education Commons provides an exciting new study lounge for students. With its close proximity to the David Rittenhouse Labs, the Engineering School, and numerous athletic facilities the Commons is a convenient study center for this eastern campus precinct. The study lounge is managed by the Library and features ever-popular group study rooms and casual study booths, all beneath a floating cloud ceiling framing dramatic views of Shoemaker Green.
3939 and 4001 Chestnut Street Apartments

Building on the success of HUB 3945, two additional phases are planned for this 40th and Chestnut neighborhood. 3939 and 4001 Chestnut will be developed by third party investors and feature market rate student apartments with ground floor retail amenities.

40th and Pine Streets Apartments

This third party redevelopment will create a vibrant new market-rate apartment building at 40th and Pine Streets. The apartments and their amenities will be attractive to graduate and professional students seeking to live near campus in this Spruce Hill neighborhood. The building will be scaled and detailed to be in context to the existing residential neighborhood fabric.

New Recreation Field

A new recreational field is envisioned for use by all members of the Penn community. The surface would be artificial nylon turf to permit year round use and accommodate the needs of the women’s field hockey team.
Renovation

The ARCH

Located at Locust and 36th Street Walks, the busy heart of campus where students, faculty, and visiting alumni cross paths every day, this 83-year-old Gothic Revival building is home base for three student cultural groups and the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, all of which will benefit from planned new spatial collaboration and enhanced programming. When renovations are complete, The ARCH will become a prime location for performances and exhibits, lectures and academic resources, or a leisurely cup of coffee at its café on the Locust Walk terrace. This campus center will welcome the entire University community, celebrating the cultural and intellectual energy of student life at Penn.

Hutchinson Gymnasium and Infill Building

The Palestra-Hutchinson complex, which opened in 1927, is comprised of three distinct volumes. The middle volume, home to a decommissioned natatorium, will be adaptively reused as a multi-purpose gymnasium. Its original steel trusses and skylights will be restored, defining this unique space for intercollegiate and intramural sports. The adjoining Hutchinson Gymnasium will be repurposed as a new fencing center and expanded gymnastic center. New locker rooms, showers, training and coaches’ offices will be included along with HVAC upgrades.

Class of 1920 Dining Commons

The entrance level of 1920 Commons will be redesigned to accommodate new food service retail offerings, while the existing Starbucks will relocate to the lower level into an expanded restaurant and student lounge. The enhanced lower level will spill out onto a paved outdoor plaza featuring a central trellis, new landscape and outdoor grill.

Levy Tennis Pavilion

Fronting Penn Park, the Levy Pavilion, home to Penn’s indoor tennis courts, will undergo a phased facelift, beginning on the inside. The eight-court facility will achieve improved energy efficiency and performance upgrades, including new lighting, insulation, and court resurfacing. The second phase of work anticipates an enhanced entrance, exterior skin and further internal player and coach amenity spaces.
### Hill College House

As the architecturally significant late-Modernist neighbor to the proposed New College House, Hill College House is planned to receive a full renovation for its 500 students and faculty in residence. Renovations will also include its signature skylit atrium and dining facility. All building systems will be replaced and enhanced with air conditioning, insulated replacement windows, and all interior finishes and furniture will be upgraded – extending the life of this revered student residence for another 50 years.

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### Sansom Place East and Sansom Place West

Home to many of Penn’s graduate students who choose to live on campus, and popular among international students, Sansom East and West have undergone a Phase 1 facelift of bedroom and hallway finishes. Phase 2 will provide a more comprehensive renovation, including upgrades to all building systems, new insulated replacement windows, exterior concrete restoration and additional interior finishes and furniture will be further improved. Like Hill College House, this reinvestment will extend the life of this well-located student residence for future decades.

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### Kings Court / English College House

As part of Penn’s commitment to its existing College Houses, reinvestment in Kings Court / English House includes new insulated windows, and upgraded interior finishes in bedrooms and common areas.
Penn Connects living and learning experiences with a focus on undergraduate student life, enhanced by a new college house residence, study centers, campus life, sports and recreation facilities.