

Monroe College breaks ground on New Rochelle campus

Monroe College has broken ground on a new project on the school's New Rochelle campus.

Designed by the Brooklyn-based firm Doban Architecture, the new mixed-use

building will integrate all aspects of campus living and learning with a dormitory, cafeteria, classrooms, and offices.

The 85,800 s/f space is the latest addition to the former site of Librett's hardware store,

alongside Allison Hall and Milavec Hall on Main Street, which is designed to integrate the school into the downtown area while adding to the college's identifiable presence.

Part of Doban Architecture's larger vision for Monroe College, the firm envisioned the new structure as a complementary building to nearby Allison Hall, which was also designed by Doban and built in 2004.

Featuring the same palette of materials and façade elements, the new building will house a 300-bed dormitory, 250-seat cafeteria and an adjoining courtyard.

Classrooms and offices on the lower levels will add to the building's programming

and establish the future heart of the college campus.

Over the past ten years, Doban Architecture has worked on more than 20 built projects and numerous feasibility studies in downtown New Rochelle. The firm's relationship with Monroe College began in 2002 with an adaptive reuse project of a former 24,000 s/f hardware store that is now Milavec Hall, the administrative core of the New Rochelle campus. Since then, Doban has been the driving architectural design force for the college, with a master plan that has been transforming the formerly dispersed campus into a centralized community.

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 1,600 s/f of community space on Flushing Avenue. The Navy Green Townhouses will consist of 23 market rate single family homes constructed mid-block on Clermont and Vanderbilt Avenues to complete the development.

This is the first project in New York State to be certified under the LEED for Neighborhood Development Program, achieving a Silver certification, with 45 Clermont Avenue participating in the LEED for New Construction Program.

The team of L+M Development Partners and Dunn Development Corp., operated as co-developers for the Navy Green project.

In addition, Pratt Area Community Council (PACC) developed the 99-unit Supportive Housing building, as well as serving as the

community consultant on the overall Navy Green development.

The design team includes master planner and architect FX Fowle Architects, Curtis + Ginsberg Architects LLP as architect, Architecture in Formation as design architect of the Supportive Housing building and Brooklyn-based Todd Rader and Amy Crews Landscape Architecture LLC as the landscape architect.

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will make this development an extremely desirable address," said Tommy Craig, Hines senior managing director and head of the firm's New York office.

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