

# Science Park and Research Campus (SPARC) Kips Bay

## Frequently Asked Questions: Pre-Deconstruction

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Please reach out to [SPARC@skanska.com](mailto:SPARC@skanska.com) with any questions, comments, or concerns related to deconstruction.

For general questions on the SPARC project, please reach out to [SPARC@edc.nyc](mailto:SPARC@edc.nyc).

For more information about the project, please visit: <https://edc.nyc/project/sparc-kips-bay>.

Below are frequently asked questions regarding the SPARC Kips Bay deconstruction process.

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### General Questions:

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#### When will we learn more about the project's design?

- The next step for the project's design is for SPARC East (25th St. Pedestrian Bridge, CUNY/NYCPS building, and SPARC Square open space) to go the Public Design Commission. In advance of this process, which is expected to be later in 2026, EDC, along with partners, will lead an engagement process.

#### What does deconstruction mean, and how does it differ from a typical demolition?

- Deconstruction is the selective dismantlement of building components and will follow NYCEDC's Clean and Circular Construction guidelines. Up to 95% of construction waste will be diverted from landfill.
- Deconstruction for this project includes intentionally taking down the buildings, piece by piece, instead of using methods such as explosives to take down the buildings at once.

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### Traffic/Parking Impacts:

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#### Will the southbound 23rd/24th Street exit from the FDR be closed during this phase of deconstruction?

- It is not anticipated to be closed during this phase of deconstruction.

#### Will the parking on the north side of 25th Street be replaced after it is removed?

- Parking will be taken out on the north side of 25th Street during construction and will not be replaced. This approach was documented during the environmental review process and approved during the ULURP process.

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### Environmental Impacts and Mitigation:

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#### Has the project team analyzed the asbestos risk on the site? What mitigation will be done?

- The project team has conducted studies on potential asbestos. Air quality sensors will be installed throughout the buildings to continuously monitor air quality and ensure compliance with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection's standards. Per city code and best practices, licensed professionals will perform abatement while mitigating any potential hazards with containment and HEPA filters. A third-party environmental inspector will be present on the site while abatement work is conducted.

#### How will air quality be monitored? How will dust be mitigated?

- Outside of indoor air quality monitoring during abatement (discussed above), community air monitoring will be used during soil excavation work, such as the tie-in of new utilities to the city's infrastructure. The SPARC deconstruction process will have very limited soil disturbance.
- Water spray and mist will be used throughout the active demolition process to mitigate dust particulates to become airborne. Site field supervision will enforce the use of water for any dust creating activity.
- The site's vehicle exit will have water spray to reduce airborne dust during vehicle movements.

#### What will be done to minimize the presence of rodents in the area?

- As required by the city, there will be an initial treatment, followed by routine treatments and inspections as required. The project team is committed to proactively controlling rodent issues and will continually assess the site's conditions and modify the approach if necessary, depending on how the initial treatment goes.

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### Work Hours and Noise:

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#### What will the work schedule look like?

- Work is permitted to take place between 7 AM – 6 PM but most work will be performed from 7 AM – 4:30 PM during weekdays, with limited interior work potentially taking place later or on the weekend. If any exceptions are needed, after hours permits will be obtained as required.

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#### Will construction be noisy to neighbors?

- Exterior noise levels will remain within the limits allowed by the NYC Department of Building and Department of Environmental Protection's 'NYC City Noise Code'.

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### Safety & Security:

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#### Will lights be on after the afternoon work is complete?

- Temporary site lighting will be installed, as this is required for safety and security. Lighting will remain on during after-hours. The team does not anticipate that temporary lighting will shine into the buildings across the street. If the light is disruptive to neighboring buildings, please reach out to [SPARC@skanska.com](mailto:SPARC@skanska.com).

#### Will the site have security during the deconstruction process?

- Yes, there will be 24-hour security during the deconstruction process.

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### Public Outreach:

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#### Has there been any consultation with the VA Hospital?

- Yes, the project team has consulted and presented deconstruction plans to the VA Hospital.

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### Miscellaneous:

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#### Has the project team considered preserving the reliefs and gates from the original College of Nursing?

- The team is salvaging the stone reliefs on the exterior of the campus as well as the Nightingale gate at the entry of the campus.

#### Will the scaffolding comply with the new city code?

- Yes.