

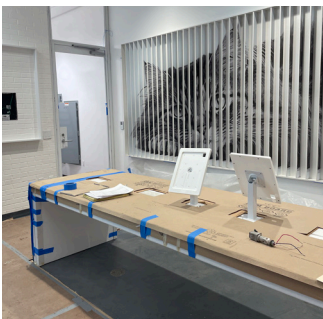


FALLING INTO PLACE: ACC's Autumn Construction Chronicles

STATEN ISLAND CELEBRATES SUCCESS

The Staten Island Animal Care Center has garnered two prestigious awards for its outstanding architectural design: the **Best New Building** award from the Municipal Arts Society of NY ("MAStErworks NYC"), which recognizes architectural projects that exemplify excellence in architecture and urban design, as well as the **2023 International Architecture Award** from The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture. Designed by Garrison Architects, in collaboration with landscape architects Wallace Roberts and Todd, ACC's Staten Island Care Center has been singled out for design excellence - twice!

Our award-winning facility was completed just over a year ago, and our design focuses on providing a humane and controlled environment for animals awaiting adoption. The innovative, thoughtful and eco-friendly approach Garrison Architects took in designing the Staten Island Animal Care Center, has created a space that not only provides comfort and care for our furry friends, but also enhances the experience for those who visit and work with them.



MANHATTAN UNLEASHES EXCITING UPDATES

When we asked Wendy Evans Joseph, Manhattan Pet Adoption Center architect, how she felt about the center's recent progress, she replied, "My design revolves around the abundance of natural light and the well-being and health of the animals. It's exciting to see my vision taking shape and coming to life." She explained how the building was designed around several beautiful skylights and windows, so the animals get plenty of natural light. It's important for the animal's behavioral and emotional needs to have an understanding of night and day, especially to find the balance with circadian rhythms.

Stay tuned for exciting details on our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which we anticipate will take place in the early spring so adopters can spring into pet parenthood!

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BEHIND THE SCENES IN QUEENS

As you can see by these photos, construction is well underway in Queens! Our construction team at OCV Architects and Cheever Engineering is currently focused on all the interior details that will make this a home like none other to the animals of NYC. Natural light is pouring through the skylights and abundant windows throughout the building. It will take several months to fully outfit the building with cages, furniture, medical equipment and multiple glass doors and interior windows (it is 50,000 square feet after all!). The team is working tirelessly every day to ensure that when finished in 2024 the care center will be more than a jewel, it will be the “Queen of Queens!”



FRESH BEGINNINGS IN THE BRONX AND BROOKLYN

Last but certainly not least, the construction in the Bronx and Brooklyn has begun in earnest. Ground was broken in the Bronx early this summer and the Brooklyn team has started regular construction meetings to outline the demolition of the old Brooklyn shelter in early winter 2024.



With work now underway in these two boroughs, we're excited to report that ACC's transformation is in full swing, with Staten Island completed, Manhattan and Queens just around the corner, and the Bronx and Brooklyn in the very near future. The steady construction progress mirrors the steady growth of the *Campaign for the Future*.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN ACC'S WORK!

We invite you to share this update with fellow animal lovers to help us extend our reach and impact. Stay tuned for further updates on our progress!

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