

THE ROCKEFELLER UNIVERSITY RIVER BUILDING & HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTER

New York, New York, USA

RAFAEL VIÑOLY ARCHITECTS



Rockefeller University required significant upgrade of its laboratory facilities in order to maintain and enhance its notable biomedical research programs. In 2010, the University commissioned Rafael Viñoly Architects to develop a space plan and master plan in order to project growth for the campus. The master plan yielded four projects: the five-story River Building, single-story

Conference Center, single-story Health and Fitness Center, and a two-story annex enabling project. Through the master planning process, the firm created a general principle to guide the design and development strategy: the University should preserve the garden designed by the renowned landscape architect Dan Kiley and promote the historic character of the buildings bordering it.

April 2016

DETAILS + FIGURES

Completion

2019

Size

River Building: 16,640 gsm

Health and Fitness

Center: 2,320 gsm

Total: 18,960 gsm

Awards

Design Award, New York

City Public Design

Commission, 2015

Media Coverage

AIA Oculus, "A Win-Win at

Rockefeller University,"

Spring 2016

Crain's, "Rockefeller

University Eyes Platform

Over FDR," July 2010

The Wall Street Journal,

"University Sees Future Above

the FDR Drive," February 2014

Client

The Rockefeller University

Consultants

MEP / FP Engineer

Bard, Rao + Athanas Engineers

Structural Engineer

Thornton Tomasetti

Civil / Geotechnical Engineer

Langan

Landscape Architect

Mathews Nielsen

Landscape Architects

Environmental Consultant

AKRF

Food Service

Romano Gatland

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Marine Engineer

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