

**Supplemental Questions from CB 2 Committee on Parks & Open Space  
and Answers from NYU**

2/13/12

- 1. What is the total proposed square footage of occupied spaces under each of the the following areas: south block Mercer St. strip, north block Mercer St. strip, north block LaGuardia Place strip?**

The area below LaGuardia Place, between Bleecker and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets would provide 103,594 GSF of academic space over 4 levels below-grade; the area below Mercer Street, between Bleecker and West 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, would provide 79,239 GSF of academic space over 4 levels below-grade. In both areas, a soil depth of 6 to 8 feet will be provided to accommodate plantings.

- 2. What is the potential additional square footage in the light well areas?**

The light wells are an important feature to draw some natural light into the below grade spaces. The square footage of the Mercer building light well is approximately 9,500 SF and for LaGuardia, it is approximately 4,500 SF.

- 3. Did NYU consider placing the temporary gym at the west end of the north block and if so why was this site not selected?**

The placement of the temporary athletic facility was sited along Mercer because the relocation of the WSV playground could easily shift in the site (to the center area). This made more sense than demolishing the retail strip on LaGuardia.

- 4. Why was the south block LaGuardia Strip not proposed for mapping as parkland? If the block were mapped as parkland, would NYU pay for construction of a park there?**

The south block LaGuardia Strip is not within the NYU proposal. The second part of the question is unclear, how would a park be constructed in that area?