Cornell Tech unveils new design for hotel, conference center

The buildings will sit at the entrance of the 12-acre Roosevelt Island campus

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Renderings of the Cornell Tech campus (credit: Cornell Tech and Snøhetta)

Cornell Tech revealed renderings for a hotel and conference center at the 12-acre technology campus under construction on Roosevelt Island.

University officials and the architecture team presented the renderings and designs for the 195-room hotel and executive education center to Community Board 8 on Wednesday night, DNAinfo reported. The school needs approval from the Public Design Commission before it can move ahead with the buildings, as it is leasing the land from the city.

The hotel will feature a restaurant, a rooftop lounge and a cafe. The adjacent conference center will have a hall for around 300 people and four 50 to 75-seat classrooms, according to the news website. It will also feature a small conference room and a buffet lounge for 150 people. The buildings will serve as the entrance to the campus.

Stretching roughly half a mile, Cornell Tech's campus is slated to house a total of 10 buildings – including academic buildings, two residences, the hotel, a central utility plant and mixed-use buildings featuring co-working spaces and studios.

The project's first residential tower will be the largest in the world built to Passive House standards, a standard that reduces energy use and creates a healthier living environment. Earlier this year, the Related Companies 🏢 and Hudson Companies received $105 million loan from Wells Fargo to build the 26-story structure.

The construction is occurring in three phases. Once complete, the campus will span 12 acres and have 2 million square feet of new buildings.

The campus is expected to cost around $2 billion. Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg donated $100 million for the construction of the first phase of the campus. [DNAinfo] — *Miriam Hall*

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