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$56.9 MILLION
PROGRAM MASTER BUDGET

RELIEVING DEPENDENCY OF UTILITIES FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATIONS AND EXPANSION, PARKING, AND CENTRAL PLANT

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS, UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE, AND CHAPEL EXPANSION AND UPGRADES

Wesley Theological Seminary is a nonprofit seminary established in 1958 in NW, Washington, DC. APM developed a Campus Master Plan to modernization the campus in multiple phases, in order to address both financing and fundraising objectives. Currently, the Utility Relocation is complete, Chapel Renovations are under construction, and the other phased projects are in design.

UTILITY RELOCATION:

The first step to achieving this modernized campus was relocating the utilities that cross the main campus and the installation of the infrastructure to support the new facilities. This entailed developing a new utility corridor consisting of a tunnel and branch feeds to and from the tunnel as well as developing a new Primary Electric Room. Other work included new panels and transformers in existing electric rooms, minor mechanical upgrades in existing electric rooms, the development of electric rooms spaces, relocation and/or demolition of existing services to accommodate new work in existing spaces, resolution of utility conflicts and limited sections of construction of chilled water lines, and the installation of empty conduits and other services where future access be cost prohibitive.

Temporary Pedestrian crossing over the Utility Tunnel

Interior of Utility Corridor

NEW RESIDENCE HALL AND CENTRAL PLANT:

A three-story 219-bed dormitory and a Central Plant located in the basement, completion of the utilities, and surface parking will provide Wesley with the onsite facilities needed to house their students. The project will include 221 beds consisting of apartments and single and double occupant residence rooms. The project has been developed in a two-phase format that allows one wing consisting of 129 beds to be developed and occupied before the existing residence hall is razed and the second phase built in its place to deliver the balance of the rooms.

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"The mission of Wesley Theological Seminary is to equip Christians for leadership in the church and the world, to advance theological scholarship, and to model a prophetic voice in the public square. Wesley is a teaching seminary and a service-oriented community.

Our graduates are in ministry in all 50 states and in 20 countries as leaders of churches and other service organizations."

- The Rev. Dr. David McAllister-Wilson, President

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The Residence Hall will include a number of sustainable objectives including energy management, rapidly renewable materials as part of the facade system, and daylighting for all occupied spaces with integration of natural ventilation. The design objective for this project is LEED Silver Certified. This project is just one part of a sustainable objective for Wesley Theological Seminary's redevelopment. Ultimately, the redevelopment will include a new library with a Silver LEED Certification, moving parking below grade and establishing a green roof plaza above with rain water collection, and an adaptive reuse project to develop a new Student Center with an objective to be LEED Gold Certified based on the amount of existing structure and materials to be retained or reused.

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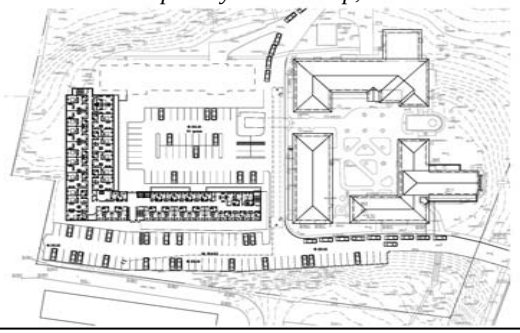

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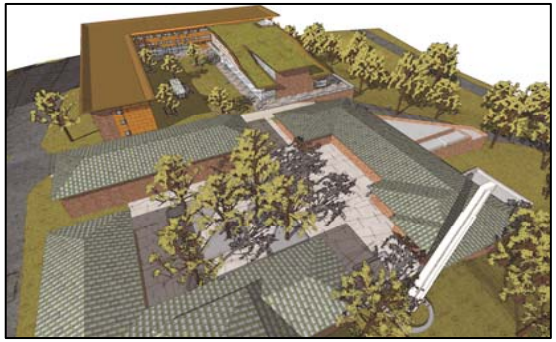

OXNAM CHAPEL RENOVATIONS:

This project consists of an extension of the raised chancel and a new ADA accessible access ramp from the chapel floor to the chancel, as well as a replacement of the existing chapel lighting and dimming systems, and audio visual systems. Work includes selective demolition, asbestos abatement, concrete construction, plastic laminate casework, metal railings, new slate flooring, and minor mechanical ductwork modifications to allow installation of the new work. Construction starts winter of 2009.

LIBRARY AND UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE:

A state-of-the-art library expansion with a new rare book room is slated. The library will have an extensive green roof system continuing with Wesley's sustainable goals. The project has an objective of LEED Silver Certified. There will also be a new underground parking garage with an intensive green roof system.