



Brown University

2023 Institutional Master Plan Amendment No. 1



Brown and Providence

Committed to investing in the success of our community:

- Health & Medicine
- Economic Development
- Support for Schools



Investments in Providence



Providence Colleges Will Pay the City \$200 Million

By Johanna Alonso

Biotech Companies are Coming to Life at Ocean State Labs

The life sciences incubator, which opened last month in Providence, welcomes its first six tenants.

Lab space could be a big draw

By PBN Staff - 08/14/2026



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A new program at Brown is preparing Providence students for college

On the Rhode Island Report podcast, director Nick Figueroa talks about the Brown Collegiate Scholars Program that brought 30 Providence students to the campus this month.

By Edward Fitzgerald - Providence Staff, Updated July 25, 2024, 4:02 a.m.



Clearing the air: Brown study focuses on local air quality

By Kate Conlon - 10/10/2023



UP IN THE AIR: Grace Berg, left, Brown's Providence project coordinator, and Meredith Hastings, Brown University professor, stand on one of the group's air sensors in the Jewelry District in Providence. (PHOTO BY KATE CONLON FOR THE PROVIDENCE JOURNAL)

Brown gets \$37 million for aging research, clinical trials

Brown Awards Workforce Development Grants in RI

Brown University opens new STEAM lab at Vartan Gregorian Elementary School

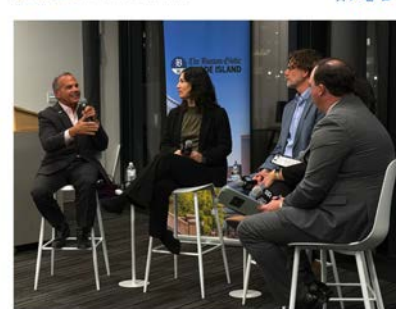
By Linda Borg
The Providence Journal



Experts weigh in on plans to change how R.I. funds its schools

On the R.I. Report podcast, the R.I. Foundation's David Cicilline joins Georgetown University's Nora Gordon and Brown University's John Papay to discuss the state's school funding formula.

By Edward Fitzgerald - Providence Staff, Updated January 29, 2026, 5:05 a.m.



From left to right, Rhode Island Foundation President and CEO David Cicilline speaks during a panel discussion with Georgetown University Professor Nora Gordon, Brown University Professor John Papay, and Providence Journal reporter Sarah Richards, and Providence State University's Dan McQuinn. (COURTESY NICK FIGUEROA)

Brown University donates \$5M to W&I's new labor and delivery center

By Claudia Chiappa - 10/29/2022



\$26M Federal Grant Boosts RI Clinical Research

With five years of renewed federal funding, a third phase of Advance RI-CTR research innovation and collaboration will benefit people and patients in Rhode Island.



Record number of Providence students enroll in Brown's pre-college programs

by LIZ BATESON, NBC 10 NEWS | Thu, July 27, 2023 at 12:36 PM
Updated Mon, July 31, 2023 at 12:36 PM

Brown University opens new life sciences facilities in Wexford building

By Jacqueline Vogel - 04/03/2024



BROWN UNIVERSITY recently announced the opening of 35,000 square feet of additional lab space for its life sciences researchers in the Wexford Science & Technology building at 225 Oyster St. in Providence. Pictured, members of Brown associate professor Gerald Jagt's lab at work in the new space. / COURTESY NICK FIGUEROA

Sustainable & Resilient Campus

2021 Sustainability Strategic Plan Priorities:

Reduce Emissions to Net Zero



2025 Goal: 75% GHG reduction
(Achieved)

- 2040 Goal: Achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through decarbonization

Reduce nutrient pollution through beef and pork reduction

Safeguard human health

Reduce water use and impacts

Curb biodiversity loss



100% Brown's electrical use offset by renewable energy



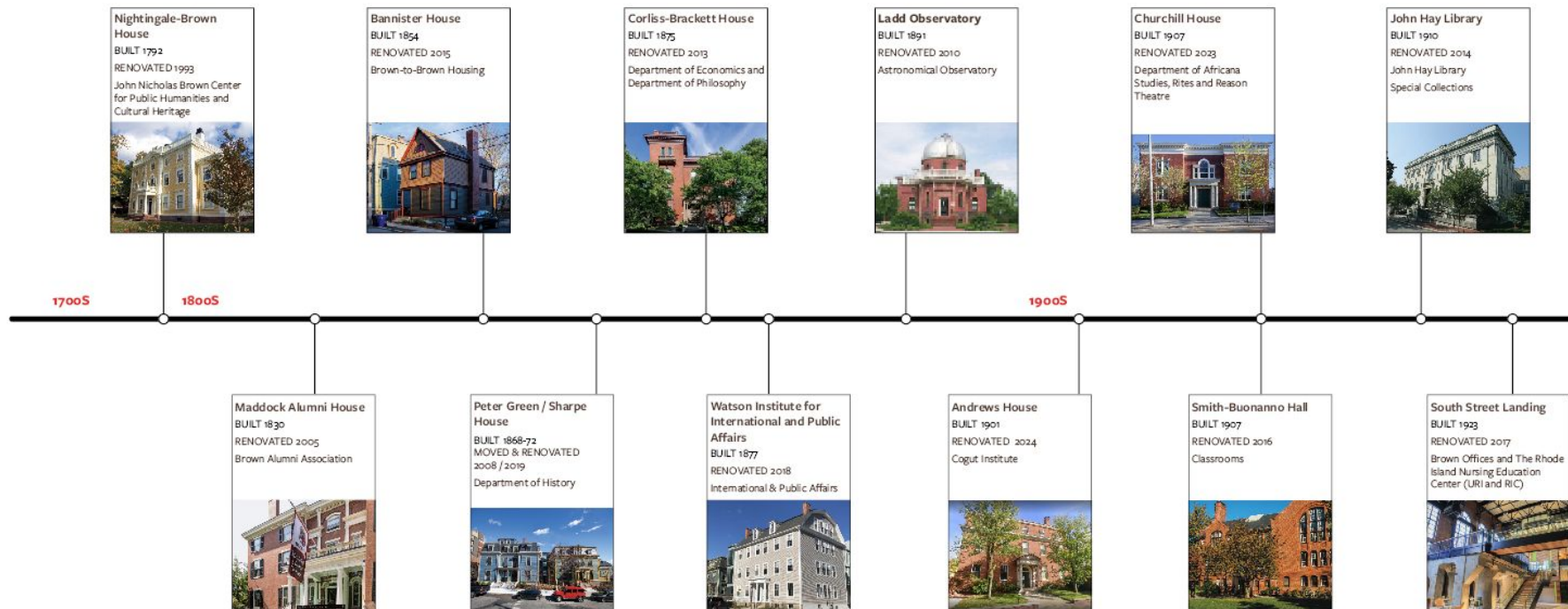
Healthier Materials Standards (building, custodial, & grounds)



Decentralized heating/cooling hubs to increase resilience and drive decarbonization

Historic Preservation and Adaptive Re-Use (1 of 2)

By year built



Historic Preservation and Adaptive Re-Use (2 of 2)



Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology



New accessible ramp



George Houston Bass Performing Arts Space at Churchill House



One Davol Square

One Davol Square

c. 1900



New mechanical systems

Nightingale Brown

c. 1791



Churchill House entrance, off Angell Street

Churchill House

c. 1907

Recent Investments



William A. and Ami Kuan Danoff Life Sciences Laboratories



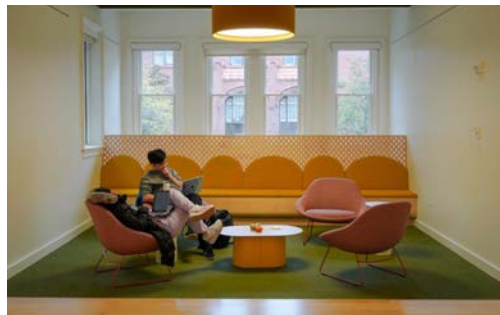
Penner Field House



Galen V. Henderson Admission Welcome Center



Haffenreffer Museum of Cultural Anthropology at One Davol

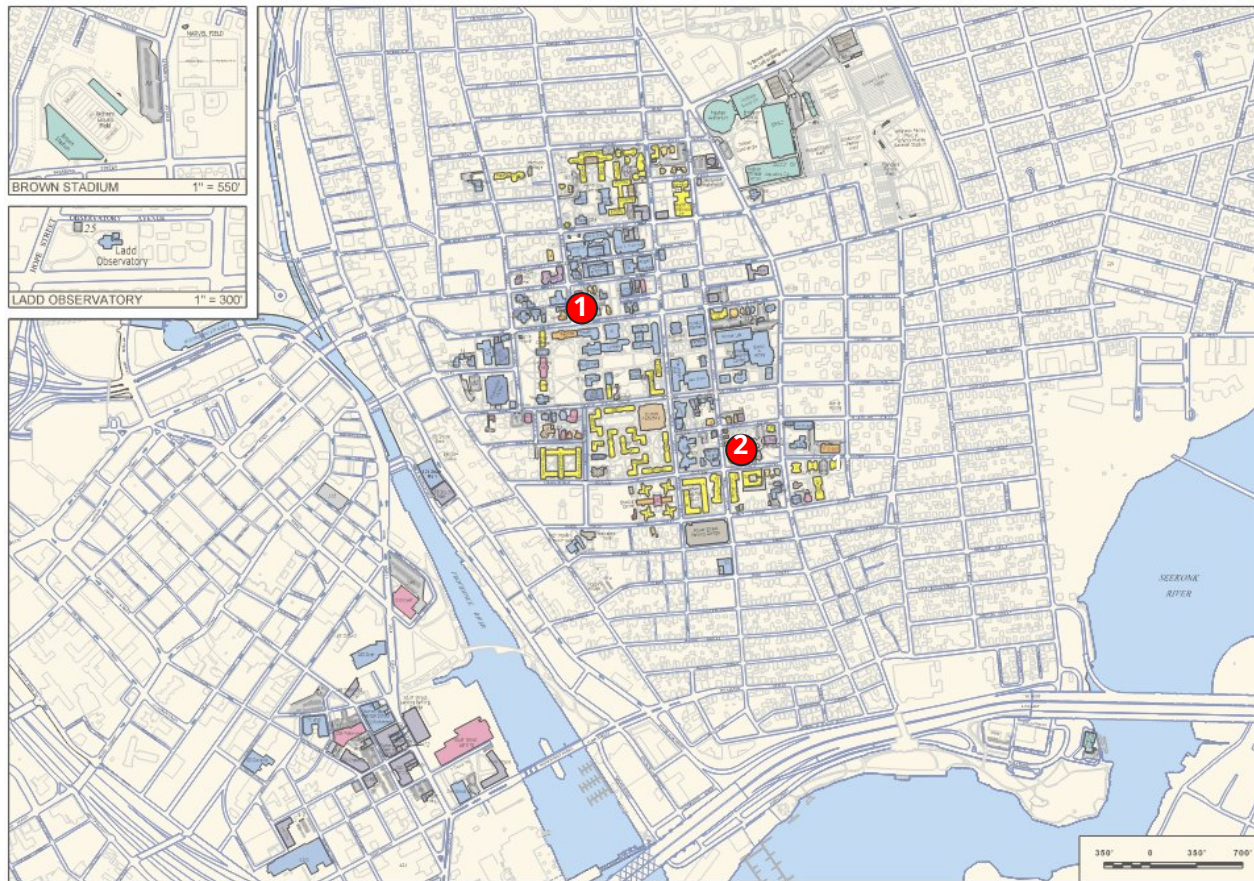


Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women Renovation



Lassonde Innovation and Design Hub

Proposed Projects (1 of 9)



1 Central Hub

2 Economics Building

- Academic
- Administrative
- Residence Hall
- Auxiliary Properties
- Student Life
- Dining
- Library
- Athletic Facility
- Commercial
- Inactive
- Support
- Affiliated
- Independent
- Brown to Brown Home Ownership Program

Proposed Projects (2 of 9)

Central Hub

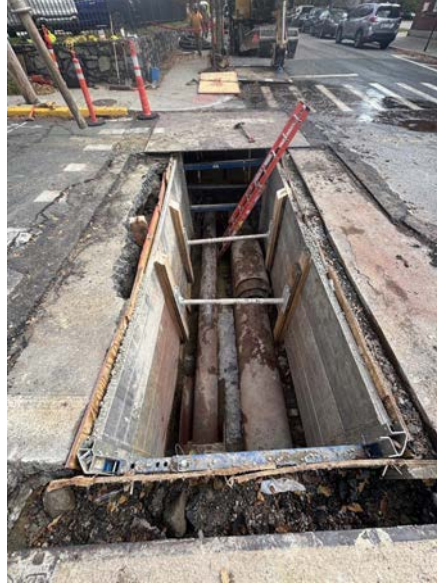
- Following a milestone 75% decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, this project will enable a new campus heating network that reduces emissions and dramatically increases efficiency and resiliency.
- Anchors a campus-wide heating microgrid designed for eventual full electrification, supporting sustainability goals.



Proposed Projects (3 of 9)

Central Hub

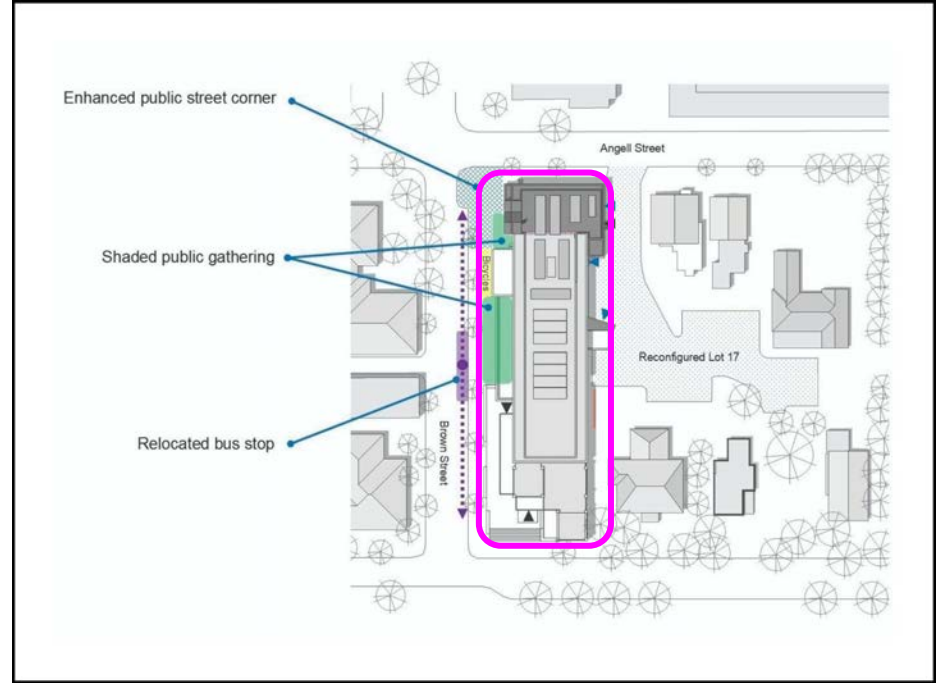
- Brown is managing failing underground heating piping, which has been causing ongoing disruptions to street traffic and pedestrian crossings. This project will eliminate the need for these disruptive repairs.



Proposed Projects (4 of 9)

Central Hub

- Up to 14,000 gross square feet addition within zoning envelope
- Program primarily composed of mechanical and systems-dedicated spaces.
- Construction to start in Winter 2028 and conclude in Spring 2030.



Proposed Projects (5 of 9)

Economics Building

- Brown's economics faculty, staff and students are currently housed in five separate buildings.
- A dedicated building will unify its people and activities, and position the department to conduct world-class research and prepare students for careers with even greater impact on economic theory and policy.



Proposed Projects (6 of 9)

Economics Building

- The proposed site locates the building directly adjacent to the Watson School for International and Public Affairs and the Department of Political Science.
- This site will create a vibrant, social-sciences hub on the southern end of campus.

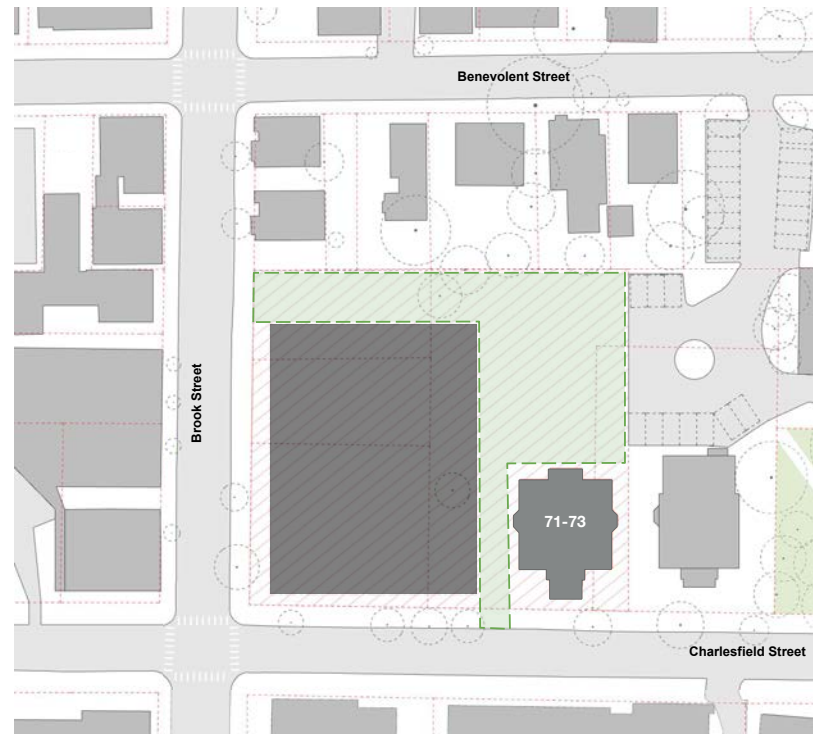


Proposed Projects (7 of 9)

Economics Building: A Revised Building Site



Spring 2026

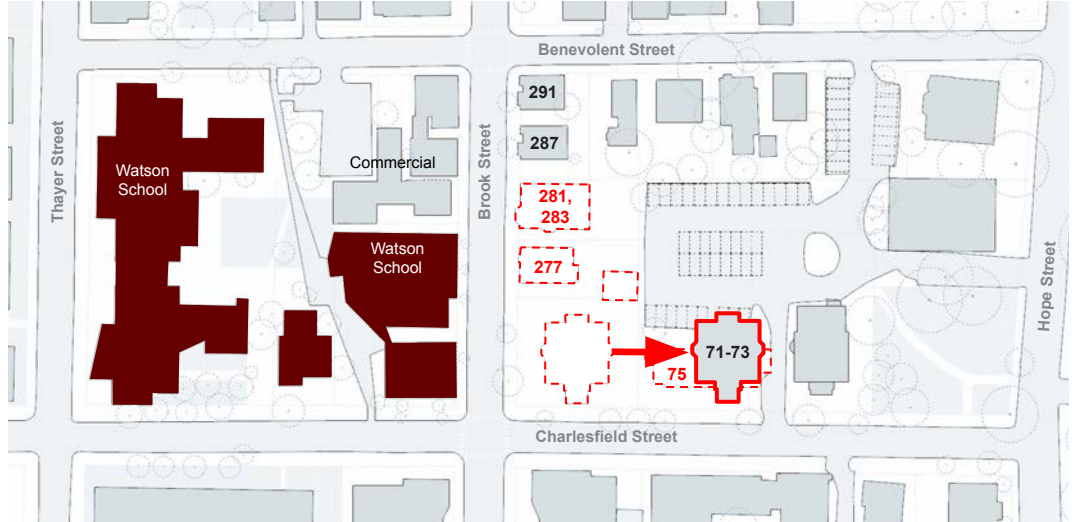


Fall 2026

Proposed Projects (8 of 9)

Impact on Nearby Properties

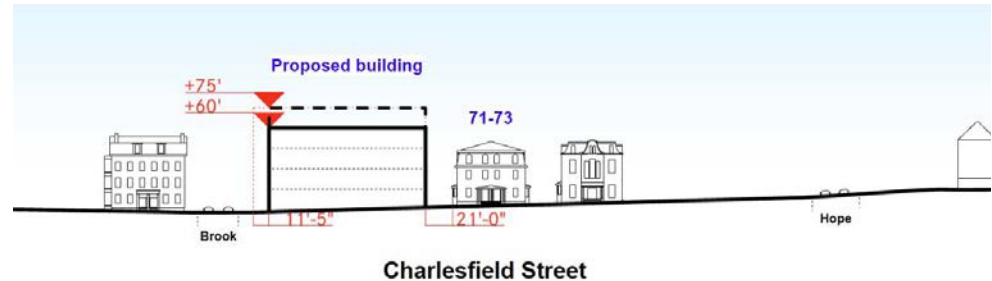
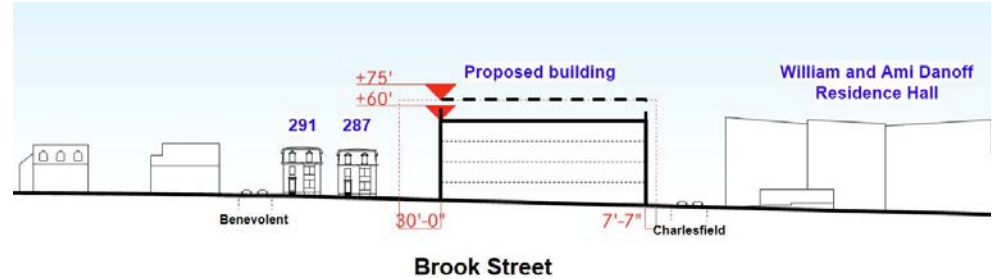
- Restore: 287 and 291 Brook
- Remove: 75 Charlesfield
- Relocate: 71-73 Charlesfield
- Make available to move or (if no takers) remove: 277 and 281-283 Brook



Proposed Projects (9 of 9)

Economics Building

- Approx. 56,000 square feet, fully within City zoning envelope, and 20% shorter than first plan
- Design to take place Fall 2026 to Spring/Summer 2027
- Construction enabling to begin Summer 2027
- Completion anticipated for Summer 2029



Community Meetings

6/23/26	City of Providence Pre-Application Meeting
9/14/26	City of Providence Planning Department
9/15/26	Benevolent/Brook St neighbors
9/22/26	Ward 1 Community Meeting
9/24/26	Ward 2 Community Meeting
9/30/26	Brown-hosted Community Meeting
10/5/26	College Hill Neighborhood Association
10/6/26	Thayer St District Management Association
10/13/26	Jewelry District Association
10/14/26	Brown-hosted Community Meeting

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