REDEVELOPMENT OF HAHNE & CO. DEPARTMENT STORE

Newark Campus

Renovation
Teaching/Research

The Project Scope:
Rutgers is renovating and leasing three floors—a total of 57,000 square feet—of the former Hahne & Co. department store. The $25 million project will result in an arts incubator, with space for a communications media center, a print shop, a portrait studio, a lecture hall, gallery space, and the university’s Institute of Jazz Studies will also relocate to this site. The space is a collaborative effort with the community, and the remaining portion of the 440,000 square foot site will house local artists and art education programs, office and residential leases, galleries, and retail. The building is listed on the state and national registers of historic places.

Academic Program Benefits:
As part of its Strategic Plan, Rutgers Newark has developed “Express Newark: A University-Community Collaboratory.” The plan will take root in the former Hahne & Co. building, and will support cross-unit, cross-sector, cross-institutional publicly engaged scholarship collaborating with Newark artists, schools, and institutions to cultivate new talent. The Strategic Plan calls for “investment in spaces and places where we live, learn, create, and engage the world”, as well as investment in “anchor institution collaboration”. The Newark Museum, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Gallery Aferro, Newark print Shop, Glass-Roots, and radio station WBGO are among the those collaborating with the University and its vision for the building and delivery of the arts to Newark.

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