

History

The Central Warehouse is a highly visible, 11-story, concrete building located near Albany's Warehouse District; a fast-growing and popular neighborhood just north of the downtown Albany business district. Built as a cold-storage facility in 1927, the structure features thick concrete walls, direct access to the adjacent railway line from the 2nd floor spur rails and holds 400,000 sf of interior space. Because of its prominent location along I-787 and near the State Capital Complex of NY, the Central Warehouse building is an eyesore well known to the millions of travelers who pass by the building on an annual basis.

Goals

Following the latest attempt at redevelopment, the Alliance, in direct support of its economic development mission, has agreed to obtain an ownership interest in the property for the purposes of abating any environmental concerns, demolishing the structure in a safe and controlled manner, and repositioning the property for investment and renewed use in a manner that contributes to neighborhood revitalization.



About Us!

The Advance Albany County Alliance is a Local Development Corporation focused on business development and growth, retaining and attracting jobs, and promoting Albany County. We collaborate with public, private, and nonprofit interests to create an economy that provides opportunities for all of its residents.

Our vision is for Albany County to be the need to be and want to be location.

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Central Warehouse Abatement & Demolition

"The demolition of the Central Warehouse will not only eliminate blight, unused spaces, but it'll allow for new opportunities to bolster the community and uplift economic growth." - Gov. Kathy Hochul



Abatement FAQ's

Q: Is the building contaminated by any hazardous materials?

A: Environmental surveys have identified asbestos-containing materials (ACM) present in the warehouse. These materials will be removed before any demolition begins.

Q: Is the asbestos abatement potentially harmful to people in the neighborhood?

A: All abatement work will be conducted in accordance with New York State Department of Labor (NYS DOL) procedures and variance. All work will also comply with applicable US EPA, OSHA, and other regulatory requirements.

Q: Is there any independent oversight of the abatement protect public safety and health?

A: An independent, third-party air monitoring firm will be on site throughout the abatement process to ensure compliance and to perform air sampling both inside and outside the work area.

Q: How long will the Abatement and Demo take?

A: Abatement will take 6 Months and demo will take another 6-12 Months.

PROJECT TEAM

Abatement & Demo



Gramercy Group, Inc. is a full-service demolition, environmental and civil contractor with more than 30 years of experience serving the New York area.

Engineering



LiRo-Hill provides full-service construction management, resident engineering and inspection, environmental assessment and remediation, and a wide range of other services throughout the greater Northeast region.

Funding



The abatement and demolition of the Central Warehouse is funded by our partners at New York Empire State Development (NY ESD) and Albany County.

Demolition FAQ's

Q: What kind of disruptions should the neighborhood expect?

A: Neighborhood disruptions will be minimal throughout the abatement and demolition process. The building will be dismantled using mechanical methods, and all dust, noise, and vibrations will be continuously monitored to ensure there are minimal impacts to the surrounding community.

Q: Will there be truck traffic in the neighborhood?

A: During abatement activities, debris will be packaged and containerized in NYS DOL approved packaging and containers. Asbestos and demolition debris will be transported by truck to NYS DEC permitted facilities following NYS DOT regulations. Designated truck routes will be established to minimize impacts on the surrounding community.

Q: What's will happen with the property after demolition?

A: The Alliance intends to work with the community to identify potential uses and to solicit private sector partners for redevelopment of the site.