

TEN GOOD REASONS NOT TO BUILD THE GILDER SCIENCE CENTER IN TEDDY ROOSEVELT PARK

1. Construction of the science center in Manhattan will increase global warming by reducing oxygen and increasing ozone and pollution. Manhattan already has some of the worst air in the nation.
2. Construction of the science museum in Roosevelt Park will result in the destruction of dozens of mature trees and plants and habitat loss for the small animals that live there.
3. Years of digging, drilling and blasting will interfere with annual bird migration and increase noise pollution.
4. Building the science center in Roosevelt will compromise other elements of the park during years of construction. The dog run, the Nobel Statue and the time capsule will all be disturbed.
5. The museum is already overcrowded with visitors and Manhattan is over-supplied with more than 100 museums.
6. The museum district is already filled with enrichment programs, gifted and talented classes and private schools. Tens of millions of tax dollars need not be used to maintain this privilege.
7. The museum district is one of the most segregated in the city and the nation. Those living closest to the museum will be afforded an unequal and unfair opportunity for science education, internships and apprenticeships.
8. The museum is only accessible by one mass transit train line. This creates traffic congestion problems in a densely populated area. It also minimizes the accessibility of thousands of visitors/students.
9. A science center in Roosevelt Park would result in the destruction of historic buildings in a landmarked district.
10. A science center which requires that trees be uprooted, that animal habitats be destroyed and that pollution levels rise contradicts the spirit and intention of the life sciences.