Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park Development

Location:
Sewell, New Jersey

Status:
Feasibility study completed.
Masterplanning

Forecast Project Delivery:
Summer of 2021

Development Cost:
$50 million

Design Consultants:
Ennead Architects
KSS Architects

General Contractor:
To be determined

Project Planning & Development:
Division of Facilities, Planning & Operations

Description
This project, named the Jean & Ric Edelman Fossil Park after its donors, involves the development of a 65-acre parcel located in Mantua township. The site, that includes a former open-pit marl mine, will serve as a major museum and research center for the university and exemplify experiential learning and increase STEM literacy for all visitors. Development of a building at the fossil park will incorporate principles of sustainability and green infrastructure as an intrinsic part of its development, will provide faithful stewardship of our environment and strong leadership on issues pertaining to sustainability.

The project has the potential to welcome thousands of visitors per year, including school groups, nature clubs, scouting groups, and tourists who can participate in amateur fossil digs in the quarry, go on nature walks, and explore the site’s habitats, geology, and unique natural features, and facilities including: a museum, fossil collection rooms, fossil prep labs, event exhibition space, a café, and park space amenities.