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PROPOSED DORMITORY PROJECT AT 106 COMING STREET



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HISTORY

1792 - The City of Charleston purchases the land to be used as a public burial ground.

1794 - Burials begin.

1794-1807 - Operates as the only public burial ground in the city known as “Strangers and Negroes Burying Ground.”

1807 - The cemetery closes after *filling quickly* during the *final years of the trans-Atlantic slave trade*.

1817 - The City subdivides the property into residential lots and leases them for development.

1842 - The City sells the former burial lots, and *the land is developed for decades*.

1911 - The YWCA is headquartered at 106 Coming Street.

1964 - The existing mid-century building is constructed as the YWCA’s second headquarters on the site

2014 - The YWCA leaves 106 Coming Street

THE LATEST

- The College of Charleston purchased two parcels (106 Coming & 99 St. Philip) in January 2025 for **\$75.8 million**.
- The College has stated **it was aware** of the burial ground prior to purchase. The College did **NOT** consult with descendant or affiliated communities in advance.
- The BAR approved **demolition of the YWCA** in June 2025
- In the Fall of 2025, the **Community Engagement Council** was formed to have meaningful discussions about the future of the site.
- The College is currently seeking a state environmental permit to begin ground disturbing activity (see work plans).

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Ask the Community Engagement Council to provide meaningful updates via newsletter and/or social media.

Share your feedback with the Board of Trustees.

Spread the word to your networks.

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