

# The Frick Collection

## Facilities Expansion and Enhancement and Master Plan

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<b>Location</b>	New York, New York	<b>Size</b>	200,000 square feet
<b>Architect</b>	Selldorf Architects / Beyer Blinder Belle	<b>Cost</b>	\$220 million
<b>Services</b>	MEP/FP, Energy Analysis, Technology Design	<b>Completed</b>	2025

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Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Clay Frick commissioned Carrère and Hastings to design his family's New York City home, completed in 1914. In 1935, the mansion was transformed by John Russell Pope into a public museum, and a separate building was added on 71st Street to house the growing Frick Art Reference Library. Today, the Frick Collection is recognized as one of the world's premier museums and research institutions.

Kohler Ronan provided comprehensive mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, and technology design services, as well as energy analysis, for the institution's recent expansion and renovation—its first comprehensive upgrade in over eighty years. Stemming from a master plan, the project enhances the Frick's facilities while honoring the building's unique residential character, which remains central to its identity.

The renovation improves the visitor experience by preserving the beloved permanent collection galleries and enabling public access to the second floor of the former residence for the first time. Additionally, the design addresses a range of institutional needs, including the creation of added resources for exhibitions, conservation, education, and public programs, along with upgraded amenities, ADA accessibility, and wayfinding.

The enhanced design allows for a more intuitive flow between museum galleries, the library, and public spaces. The project also prioritized long-term sustainability and critical infrastructure improvements to support the Frick's evolving mission and stewardship of its growing collection. Scope included extensive underground and behind-the-scenes work, encompassing MEP/FP systems, IT infrastructure, electronic access control, video surveillance, lighting design, and upgrades to the building envelope.





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