NJIT gained much-needed space for classrooms and other uses in June when ownership of the Central High School building (above) at the eastern edge of the campus passed to the university. Following a complete renovation, the building will house education at all levels. Once renovations are completed, Summit Street (below), closed to traffic from Warren to Bleecker Streets, will become a tree-lined pedestrian mall.
A safe and welcoming campus with state-of-the-art academic resources and a vibrant campus life — that’s the goal NJIT has set for the university’s physical presence in Newark. In recent years, the campus has flourished as a result of landscaping and campus beautification initiatives. The objectives in the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan take the concept much further. Through the Gateway Project, NJIT will be an intrinsic part of an enhanced University Heights. Envisioned for the immediate surrounding community are improved amenities including enhanced housing, as well as new commercial space with shops and restaurants. The strategic plan calls for construction of an initial block of townhouses for use by the Greek organizations at the south edge of campus. A request for qualifications was issued this year and a developer will soon be chosen. On campus, older buildings will be upgraded, expanded, and equipped with state-of-the-art energy efficient technologies.

Named one of the nation’s greenest universities by Princeton Review, NJIT has created a prototype state-of-the-art energy efficient building with $1.6 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The university’s Oak Residence Hall upgrade project is estimated to reduce electrical energy use by 50 percent and fossil energy use by 40 percent. NJIT gained much-needed space for classrooms and other uses in June when ownership of the Central King Building (formerly Central High School) at the eastern edge of the campus passed to the university. Following a complete renovation, the building will house education at all levels, including pre-college programs. The university’s initial use of the building will be for 13 classrooms on the second floor. In addition to the installation of sprinkler and fire alarm systems, immediate improvements will include smart-classroom technology, new telecom and computer networks, and upgrades for lighting and temperature control. Once renovations are completed, Summit Street, closed to traffic from Warren to Bleecker Streets, will become a tree-lined pedestrian mall.

St. Michael’s Medical Center plans a sweeping $250 million redevelopment to create a new hub on one of Newark’s main thoroughfares and reclaim a row of 19th century hospital wings as offices and living quarters for students. Plans call for unifying “The Hub,” a new four-story facility, to the late 1800s hospital wings that have defined St. Michael’s for generations. The 19th century facilities will be restored as offices, retail shops, and living quarters for medical students.