

## **U. of P. Moving Ahead With 30th St. Development Plan**

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The University of Pennsylvania is set to redevelop several acres of US Postal Service facilities in the area of 30th Street between Market and Walnut.

Penn president Amy Gutmann (in file photo at right) says this is an idea that has been a long time in the making:

“The University of Pennsylvania has looked to purchase the postal lands for about 20 years and we now own them. And we now have a great campus development plan we call ‘Penn Connects,’ which is our road map for transforming these 24 industrial acres into a very lively 24/7 neighborhood and connecting West Philadelphia with center city.”

Gutmann says the redevelopment plan includes teaching and research buildings, housing, retail, and commercial development.

She says the project will begin this year and continue for about the next 20.

Meanwhile, Penn has sold the Post Office building at 30th and Market Streets to Brandywine Realty, which will lease it to the IRS.