



FMW Renovation Update

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... **2** Lack of order or predictability;
gradual decline into disorder.

— *OED*

With the gradual removal of the concrete supplies and the imminent appearance of more nice, new flat surfaces and the beginning of construction in the Assembly Room, it feels like chaos may be receding. Hints of order begin to emerge.

Although we have yet to spend half the construction budget, action will be increasingly vertical, with floors, walls and roofs appearing on the scene.

Monday ☁️

Record morning rain prevents the scheduled concrete pouring, which is now set for Wednesday.

Fortunately, more of the work is now indoors and some things gets done.

The concrete crew prepares the future kitchenette/bathroom/hallway/janitor's closet spaces in Quaker House and Carriage House to receive floors.



Picture the kitchenette on this side of the board, the bathroom on that side, the hallway on the left, and the openings to the corridor in the back.

In the Assembly Room, the construction crew frames in steel the bulkheads that will edge the new ceiling.



An electrician removes some old conduit.

Tuesday 🌩️

Another rainy day. Preparation for Wednesday's pour continues.

Wednesday ☀️

The weather being auspicious, the cement truck arrives at the crack of dawn.



The concrete crew pours the roof of the Storage Room, which now also possess four walls and a floor. Almost a room.



They also provide a new floor for the Janitor's Room.



Work on the Assembly Room bulkheads continues.

Thursday ☀️

Steel work on the bulkheads is completed.



An electrician works on the new lighting circuits.



The site utilities crew connects some more drain lines and completes the storm water overflow drain in the kitchen trash alcove.

The concrete crew pours the slab for the kitchenette/bathroom/hallway ramp.



They also strip off the forms from yesterday's pour to reveal the new Storage Room roof.



And the plinth!

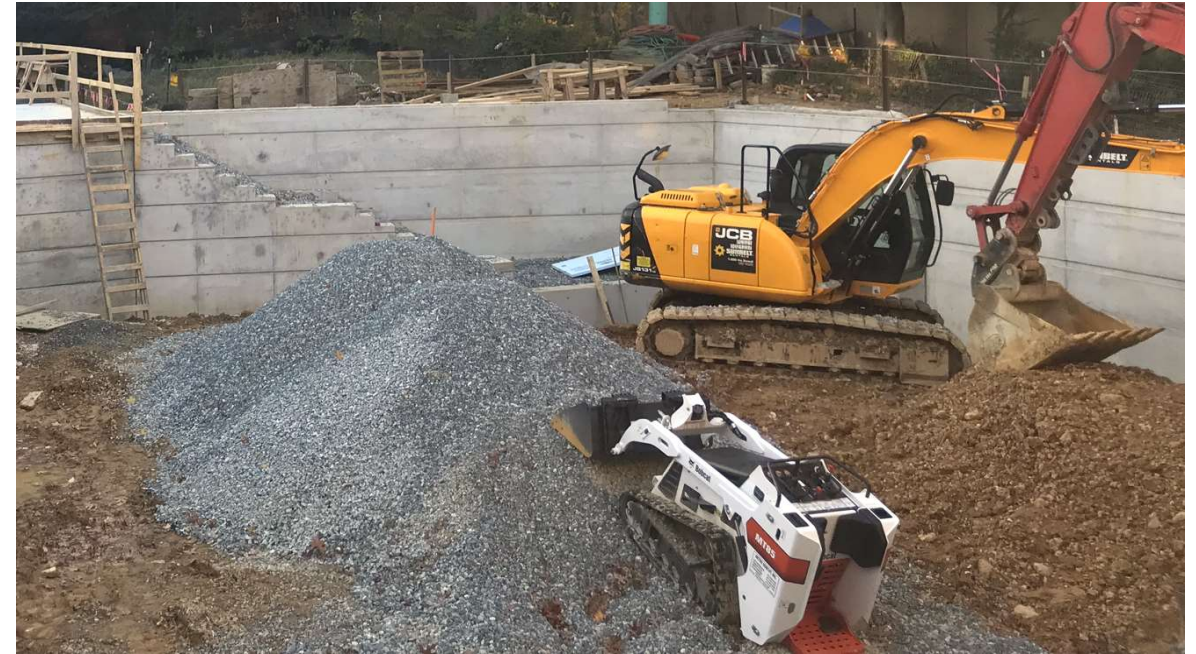


Friday 🌧️

Wet again, but not so much in the morning, so the waterproofing crew lays pipe to connect foundation drains to the storm water system.



The site utilities crew delivers six truckloads of stone.



They use some of it to fill in under the stairs.



The concrete crew — only six this time — tidy up a bit.

The new Carriage House floor slab is somewhat complex.



The area in the foreground will be the new ADA bathroom, opening out into the new corridor.

The area at left will be the kitchenette, at the level of the Quaker House center office and main stairs.

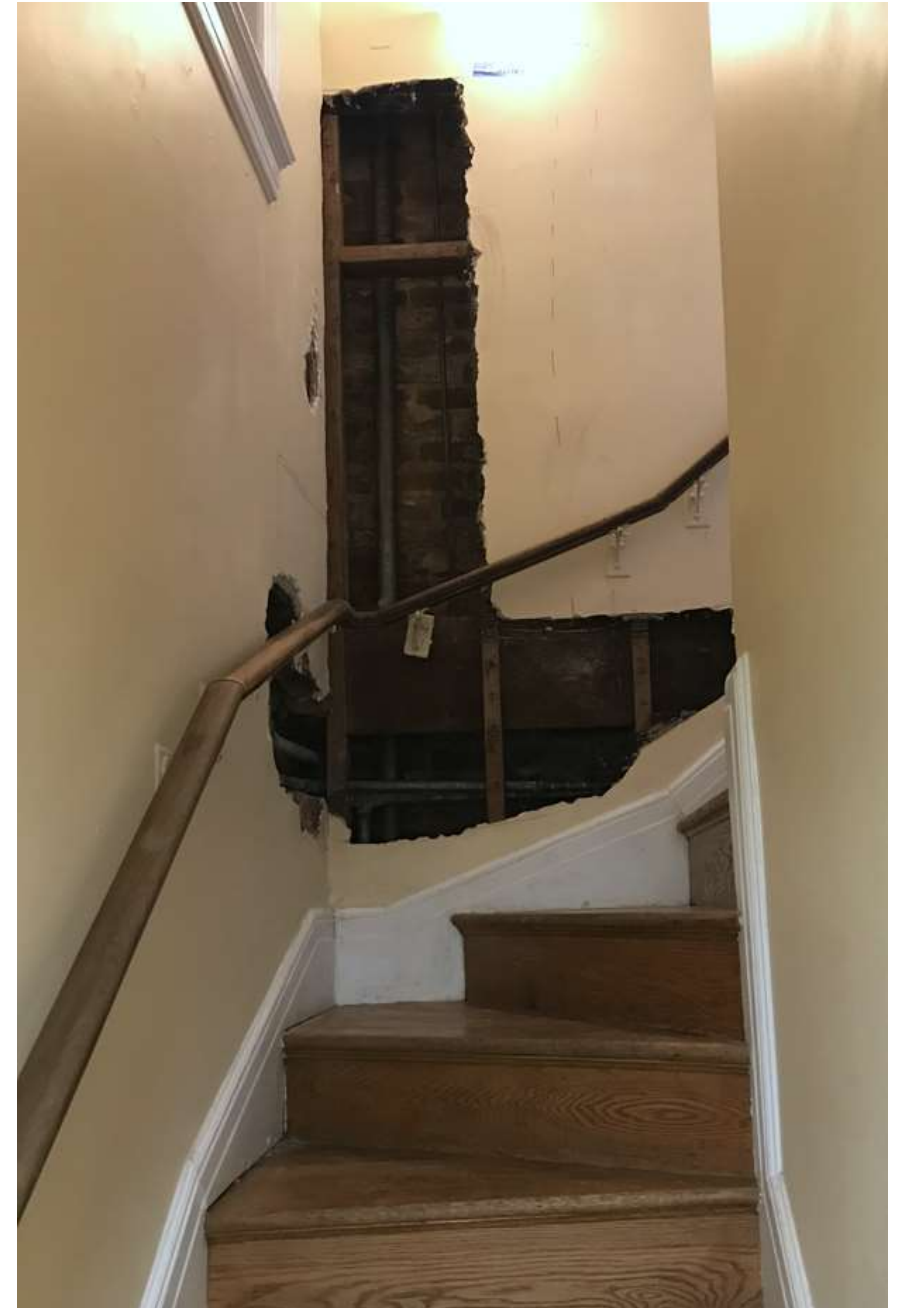
The ramp at the back will connect the two levels.

In the Assembly Room, electrical work continues.

In the Carriage House stair well, a small amount of asbestos pipe insulation is removed.

The renovation will make these stairs superfluous, since the offices they serve will open onto the new corridor, with stairs in both directions.

This stairwell will be deleted, increasing the size of an upstairs office and adding two windows and providing a new storage closet below.



Looking Ahead

The long march continues. The new schedule now shows completion in May, partly because the windows and elevator cannot be fabricated until the supporting structures are in place and inspected and partly because the crowding in the yard requires things to wait upon other things.

The coming week should see pouring of additional footings.

In the Assembly Room, plumbing and HVAC ductwork will appear, along with continued electrical work.

Second story steel should appear in the west, followed by wood — decking and roofing.

More excavation will remove some of the clay and mud and replace it with nice, sandy topsoil.