



## *Jimmy Carter Library & Museum* News Release

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### **President & Mrs. Carter Visit Museum Construction Site**

*1st Visit Since Demolition Began*

**Atlanta, GA.** – Former President Jimmy Carter and Mrs. Carter visited the Carter Presidential Museum Thursday afternoon. It was their first opportunity to see for themselves all the changes underway at the museum.

“It reminds me of how it was when we first started building the museum,” President Carter said. He said the careful planning that has gone into the redesign is making the work go very quickly. “I am especially pleased it will be a total transformation of the museum. Only the Oval Office will remain the same,” President Carter said. “Everything else will be new and the latest technology.”

Mrs. Carter seemed especially pleased with the views of the Center’s beautifully landscaped grounds, which, for the first time, will be able to be seen from inside the museum.

Historic artifacts were removed from the original museum last month and most of the display cases and materials were donated to other museums. The \$10 million redesign will take five months to complete. The museum, which closed in late April, will re-open with a gala celebration on October 1, 2009, which is President Carter’s 85<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The renovation designer, Gallagher & Associates, also is designing the exhibits for the new Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta. He is well known for his design of the Spy Museum in Washington D. C., the “Public Vaults” displays at the National Archives, and the new visitors’ center in Gettysburg.

The exhibits will be fabricated by D&P, which designed and constructed the exhibits for the current Jimmy Carter Museum and has worked on projects at the Smithsonian Institution, the Jamestown Settlement Museum, the Chicago History Museum, and the new World of Coke in Atlanta.

You can see pictures of the Carters’ visit and keep up-to-date with the changes taking place at the Carter Presidential Museum by visiting our Facebook page

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