

EarthCam shares 20-year 9/11 Anniversary timelapse video, 'Never Forgotten'

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To commemorate the attacks on New York City's [World Trade Center](#) on September 11, 2001, EarthCam has released an incredible timelapse that spans 20 years and is made up of more than 13.3 million photographs.

The six-minute video spends the first sixty seconds showing a stream of short timelapses as they were captured in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center, colloquially referred to as 9/11, as well as the recovery and demolition efforts, which spanned more than eight months. The video then switches to the start of construction of the rebuilding of the World Trade Center as well as the construction of the memorial and museum built to honor those killed in the attacks.

EarthCam says this is the longest-running timelapse project in its history and includes never-before-seen images. Some of those include photographs captured by EarthCam CEO and Founder, Brian Cury, who placed a webcam at Ground Zero just days after the attacks to share a livestream of the recovery efforts.

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