

Ground Zero over 20 years: Time-lapse footage documents rescue, recovery, rebuilding

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In the short film “Never Forgotten,” EarthCam cameras capture two decades of change at the World Trade Center site

NEW YORK — As the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks approaches, EarthCam is again sharing its film that captures two decades of change at the World Trade Center site.

Originally launched for the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the 6-minute film “Never Forgotten” is the longest running time-lapse project in EarthCam’s history, showing the initial rescue and recovery efforts through the completion of One World Trade Center, over the course of 20 years.

EarthCam’s film started in 2001 when the EarthCam founder and CEO, Brian Cury, installed a webcam at the site to livestream the rescue mission to the families of the missing.

According to a press EarthCam, “As rescue became recovery and eventually rebuilding, EarthCam set to work to develop new robotic DSLR camera technology necessary to document this revered 16-acre site in the highest resolution possible. In the coming decades, EarthCam would deploy all of its latest inventions here first to solve the challenges of capturing ultra-wide and tall construction sites using horizontal and vertically stacked panoramic imaging in ever increasing resolutions.”

Watch the commemorative time-lapse film below, and learn more about [EarthCam here](#).