



MAP celebrates groundbreaking of 120-unit Soundview Family Housing project

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Magnusson Architecture and Planning (MAP) has celebrated the groundbreaking of Soundview Family Housing, the first phase of a multi-building development that will meet a growing demand for affordable housing in the Soundview neighborhood.

The development is part of an initiative by the N.Y.C. Housing Authority (NYCHA) and the city to turn underutilized real estate into affordable housing. The Community Preservation Corp. (CPC) partnered with L+M Development Partners and Lemle & Wolff to develop the project, with a subsidy from the N.Y.C. Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD).

The 120-unit family building, 86-unit senior building, and 16 two-family townhouses will replace two parking lots adjacent to Soundview Park, one of the largest parks in the borough. The new mid and low-rise buildings will transition between the NYCHA Soundview Houses towers and the low-rise homes in the surrounding area. Construction of the 86-unit senior building is expected to begin in January. MAP designed the Soundview senior apartments to meet the evolving needs of residents as they age.

Soundview Senior Housing aligns with the principles of "aging in place," a movement that creates opportunities for senior citizens to remain in their own homes while successfully managing the realities of growing older in an urban environment.

"With the development of Soundview Family Housing, we are taking an important step in not only providing Bronx families with quality, stable housing, but also employing underutilized NYCHA resources to meet the City's growing need for affordable housing," said Rafael Cestero, president and CEO of CPC Resources, Inc. and CPC. "Sound housing is the first step in stabilizing low-income families and creating a community, and CPC Resources is committed to bringing high-quality housing to those in need."

"MAP has been designing housing and other community improvements in the Bronx and the greater New York City area for almost 30 years," said Christine Hunter, MAP principal, AIA, LEED AP. "We are pleased to help the development team respond to the demand for affordable family housing in the Soundview neighborhood. MAP is also committed to designing quality housing for senior citizens in New York City, which is critical to the city's health as its population ages."

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