



The Community Builders break ground on 188 Warburton Ave., Phase II of a multiphase urban redevelopment of Cottage Place Gardens in Yonkers

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Ground was broken December 15, 2014 on a new, mixed-use, mixed-income multifamily housing development. Developed by The Community Builders, Inc. and in partnership with the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Yonkers (MHACY), and designed by Magnusson Architecture and Planning PC (MAP), 188 Warburton Avenue will provide 51 units of affordable housing.

This proposed development will require demolishing two existing MHACY buildings and replacing them with a newly constructed 51-unit affordable housing building. Including 25 one-bedroom and 20 two-bedroom, as well as six three-bedroom.

The building is designed with sensitivity to the neighborhood context with setbacks, roof lines and materials which relate to the surrounding buildings. The building massing integrates the topography of the site near the Hudson River with six stories along Warburton Ave. and stepping down to three stories along Willow Place. The building's scale will fit seamlessly within the two- and three-story adjacent properties. To reinforce the scale along Willow Place, the new building will include two-story town-house style apartments.

Group photo: Shown (from left) are: Susan McCann, The Community Builders, Inc.; John Larkin, City Councilman and Majority Leader; Dennis Shepherd, City Councilman; Jesse Batus, The Community Builders, Inc.; Greg Watson, New York State Department of Housing and Community Renewal; Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senate; Mike Spano, Mayor of the City of Yonkers; Eliot Engel, Congressman Holly Leicht, HUD Region I Regional Administrator; Christopher Johnson; Councilman J. Gary Pretlow, New York State Assemblyman; Michael Sabatino; Councilman Ken Jenkins, Westchester County Legislator and Yonkers IDA President; Joseph Shuldiner, Executive Director of the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Yonkers.

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