

Pitt St. Residence **Common Ground Communities**

Common Ground's Pitt Street Residence is the first truly sustainable affordable housing project in New York City.

Common Ground has successfully completed several similar projects in New York City, and has alwasy provided an attractive well designed environment for its tenants. For this project they approached K+C to design an efficient, healthy and low-energy building that fit into the existing lower east side context.

The 100,000 sf Pitt Street Residence will house 264 residents -- a mix of homeless special populations (HIV/AIDS, or mentally disabled), young adults aging out of foster care, and working low income single adults. The ground floor accommodates a full range of social services, and opens onto a landscaped rear garden. The three-story 'base' accommodates shared suites for the young adults with their own terraces, laundry and computer facilities. Above this are nine floors of small efficiency units with daylit hallways and informal social areas.

The project is supported by funds from NYS HHAC and NYC HPD, but will exceed their standards, setting new benchmarks for sustainable social housing in America.

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