



About Intervale Green

WHEDCo's Intervale Green is a 128-unit mixed use affordable rental building that raises the bar for achieving beauty, green building and affordability. WHEDCo constructed Intervale Green to provide healthy, low cost, and beautiful homes to low income and formerly homeless families. With carefully selected fixtures, and environmentally sustainable and healthy materials, Intervale Green is the largest ENERGY STAR certified multifamily high rise buildings in the United States, exceeding the program's guidelines of providing at least 20% greater annual energy savings than a standard building. Intervale Green has two green roofs, a private backyard where children can play, an entry courtyard, and a prominent public garden adorned with signature sculptures by a Bronx artist. The development brings over 40 new street trees and a half acre of new vegetation to the neighborhood.

Intervale Green was the first building in New York to participate in the Enterprise Green Communities program, the first national green building program developed for affordable housing, and is expected to use 33% less energy than a standard building. Tenants are predicted to save up to 30% annually on utility bills, easing the burden on low income families already struggling during difficult economic times.

Working to bridge the digital divide, WHEDCo will provide every family with a free computer and low-cost, high-speed Internet access. With thirty percent of the Intervale Green tenants coming directly from the City's shelter system, many families will not be able to purchase even basic furnishings for their new homes. In response, WHEDCo launched www.MovingDay.org, an interactive website to help furnish the apartments.

After eight years of providing affordable housing and social services at its award-winning flagship Urban Horizons building, WHEDCo was awarded the city-owned triangular lot between Louis Niñé Boulevard and Intervale Avenue in 2005. This abandoned lot, now home to Intervale Green, was the site of President Carter's historic 1977 visit that shed light on the urban blight and devastation of the Bronx.

Soon after construction began, several feet of contaminated soil, water and oil spills were discovered. The extensive environmental remediation, completed in late 2006, removed all toxic materials from the site. Construction of Intervale Green and the adjacent 46-unit Louis Niñé House, co-owned and operated by the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter, was completed in December 2008.

Intervale Green reflects WHEDCo's commitment to provide beautiful, affordable apartments that provide families with pride of place and a respite from the daily struggles of urban poverty. In addition to reducing tenants' utility costs and allowing them to spend more on basics such as food, shelter, clothing, healthcare, and education, Intervale Green strives to restore the lost grandeur of an entire neighborhood and bring real benefits to a long-neglected community. WHEDCo's community development activities extend far beyond Intervale Green to commercial revitalization, community safety, education and youth development.