



Magnusson Architecture And Planning Breaks Ground On Spring Valley Affordable Housing Development

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SPRING VALLEY--Ground was broken Wed., Feb. 23 on a new, mixed-use multi-family housing development in Spring Valley. Developed by [Community Preservation Resources](#) and designed by [Magnusson Architecture and Planning PC \(MAP\)](#), Spring Valley Family Apartments will provide 55 units of affordable family housing. This building will sit directly across Main Street from the mixed-use 53-unit senior apartment building completed just over a year ago. Together the two projects form a new pedestrian-friendly gateway to the main commercial district of the historic Village of Spring Valley, and will bring increased residential and retail activity to the community.

CPC Resources is the development arm of The Community Preservation Corporation, Inc. "Our mission is to strengthen and revitalize low and mixed income communities with appropriate and sustainable development," says Isaac Henderson, CPC's Project Manager. "This project helps us do just that."

The 4-story apartment building will contain one-, two- and three-bedroom rental units for low-income households, as well as street-front commercial space along Main Street. Residents will have access to such common areas as a landscaped terrace, a two-level residential lobby, a community room, laundry facilities, and a rear parking area.

"One of our goals was to maintain the scale of a traditional village 'Main Street'," says Christine Hunter, MAP's principal in charge of the project.

"We have always believed that a well-designed built environment is essential to the life of a sustainable and healthy community, and that good design returns social, environmental and economic benefits to a community's residents and to society-at-large," states Magnus Magnusson, MAP's managing principal. "We believe that the Spring Valley Family Apartments embody all of those beliefs."

MAP has been designing innovative community-based projects since 1986. Current projects include: several new housing and mixed-use developments throughout the boroughs of New York City, as well as developments in the Hudson Valley, Long Island and New Jersey. Other current and past MAP clients include: Phipps Houses, Volunteers of America, the Jewish Board of Children and Family Services, Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Inc., Lutheran Social Services of New York, L+M Development Partners, Fifth Avenue Committee, and BFC

Construction.

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