

Housing CITATION

Architects: Magnusson Architecture & Planning

Projects: Parkledge Apartments Renovation

Location: Yonkers, NY

Client: The Wishcamper Group

Sited prominently on a hilltop, this 30-year-old housing complex, built under the original UDC/HUD Section 8 program, was in need of significant renovations. The mission was to improve existing conditions both visually and functionally in the five buildings, which contain 310 apartments. The design approach was to strengthen and enhance the original Modernist design; exterior repairs were made, new color added, and all windows and wall louvers were replaced. All apartments received new finishes, including kitchen cabinets and appliances, bathroom fixtures, and light fixtures. A new security system was installed and management offices were relocated to the ground floor lobby. The renovated main entrance consists of a new steel canopy and glass screen wall that unifies the existing buildings in terms of function, security, and appearance.

“The satisfaction this project provided was three-fold: the preservation of the units, the pleasure of working with Modernist forms, and the drama of a unique site. We were able to pull out the qualities of the original architecture and restore the dignity to the site and its buildings.”

[Petr Stand, APA, Architect](#)

“This is a wonderful saving of a resource that could have easily have gone the way of the wrecking ball. It’s been given a level of delight and dignity where the residents feel they’re living in a very special place.”

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Instead of facing demolition, the 30-yearold public housing project has a newly refreshed Modernist life