

Short Film Documents the Change at Rockaway Housing Complex Arverne View

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This week, L+M Development Partners and the Department of Housing Preservation cut the ribbon at Arverne View, a renovated Mitchell-Lama affordable housing complex in the Rockaways. The event marked the conclusion of a pretty amazing story — L+M closed on the severely run-down complex right before Sandy hit, and the hurricane pretty much wiped out all 11 buildings. What followed was a \$60,000,000 interior and exterior renovation to storm proof the complex and upgrade the apartments. The 1,093-unit complex is now 100 percent occupied; before Sandy there were 350 vacancies.

The film above, which is produced, directed and edited by Jason Hutt, chronicles that whole story. The film looks at the history of the Rockaways and the inception of Mitchell-Lama development, the eventual decline of the complex (then called Ocean Village), and L+M's strategy for taking on the massive amount of work to be done after Hurricane Sandy. It was filmed over 20 months with over 17 hours of footage and eight hours of interviews. Well worth a watch.

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