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Eco-friendly schemes win lots of green

IT CAN BE easy being green.

That's the message the Green Building Competition for New York City hoped to promote yesterday by recognizing six environmentally friendly building designs at the third semiannual awards ceremony.

The grand prizes of \$4,000 went to two conjoined projects, the Visionaire luxury condominium, built with locally manufactured materials and energy-producing features, and the Battery Park City Conservancy maintenance facility, which uses organic waste for landscaping and recycled water.

The two first prizes of \$2,000 went to the West Harlem Environmental Justice Center, which will be a public space that incorporates "green" facilities, and the Bowery Hotel, which allows guests to monitor their energy consumption by showing daily usage on their television screens.

Honorable mentions went to the rehabilitation of a Bronx building to create a green residential building maintained by tenants, and the Hearst Tower, which integrates numerous energy-saving features.

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