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Green Building Award Winners Named

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The Visionaire apartment building, designed by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, was recognized for its environmentally sensitive features.

The hotel of tomorrow takes 112 cars off the road, uses all its rainwater, and tells you how much energy you're using during your visit. The condominium of tomorrow has 100 percent fresh air ventilation and is built with at least 20 percent of its building materials made within 500 miles. Tomorrow's park maintenance building is geothermally heated and cooled.

And tomorrow came a bit closer today, as the federal [Environmental Protection Agency](#) and the [Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability](#) chose winners in their third Green Building competition.

"In our city, more carbon is emitted from buildings than cars," said Mayor [Michael R. Bloomberg](#). "That's why green design – and events like the Green Building Competition – are so important to our efforts to build a greener, greater New York City."

The contest, which was also held in 2004 and 2006, honored the following winners [pdf]:



The interior of the Battery Park City Conservancy's maintenance facility, designed by Dattner Architects, shared the grand prize.

Grand prize: The combined project of the Battery Park Conservancy's maintenance facility, designed by Dattner Architects, and the Visionaire condominium building, designed by Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects. The maintenance facility is on the first floor of the Visionaire, which is rising amid Second and Third Place and Battery Place and Little West Street in Manhattan. The seven judges, who included architecture experts from the public and private sectors, found the buildings "embody sustainable design while exuding a gracious aesthetic." Each company won \$4,000.

Winners: The Bowery Hotel (250 Bowery Street), designed by Flank Inc. Architects; and West Harlem Environmental Action's center (to be built at 459 West 140th Street), designed by AQC Architects PC. Each company won \$2,000.

Honorable mentions: The Hearst Tower (300 West 57th Street), designed by Foster+Partners, with a tower design that used 2,000 fewer tons of steel than traditional designs, and has a rooftop rain collection system that feeds the atrium's waterfall, which keeps the lobby cool. The other honorable mention was won by a condominium at 1347 Bristow Street in the Bronx, designed by the Community Environmental Center.