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Observatory Place: East Harlem's First Green Building Underway at 2021 First Avenue

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Designed and developed by [Gary Silver Architects](#), Observatory Place at 2021 First Avenue and East 104th Street is an 11-story luxury condominium project that will seek an unspecified level of LEED certification- the first such application in East Harlem. The mixed-use project offers 38 residential units with bamboo flooring and an 11th floor green roof, as well as a lobby with bike and Fresh Direct storage space. Silver told *Multi-Housing News* that the development is “geared to attracting young people who live in rental buildings in Harlem or other parts of the city and are ready to take that next step and purchase an apartment with a monthly mortgage comparable or even lower than paying rent. We had a clear focus of who our target buyer was and what they were looking for.” Units offer views of the East River and the rest of Manhattan on three sides and most enjoy private terraces and balconies. Named for an old park and local observation point, Observatory Place should be ready for occupancy sometime this summer.