

AVANTE

CONTRACTING CORPORATION

COMMUNITY ♦ CENTERED ♦ CONSTRUCTION

MISSION



Avante Contracting Corp. exists to transform lives through **community centered construction.**

From the spaces we build to the clients we serve, people are the heart of everything we do.



WHO WE ARE

Avante is a

full service general contractor.

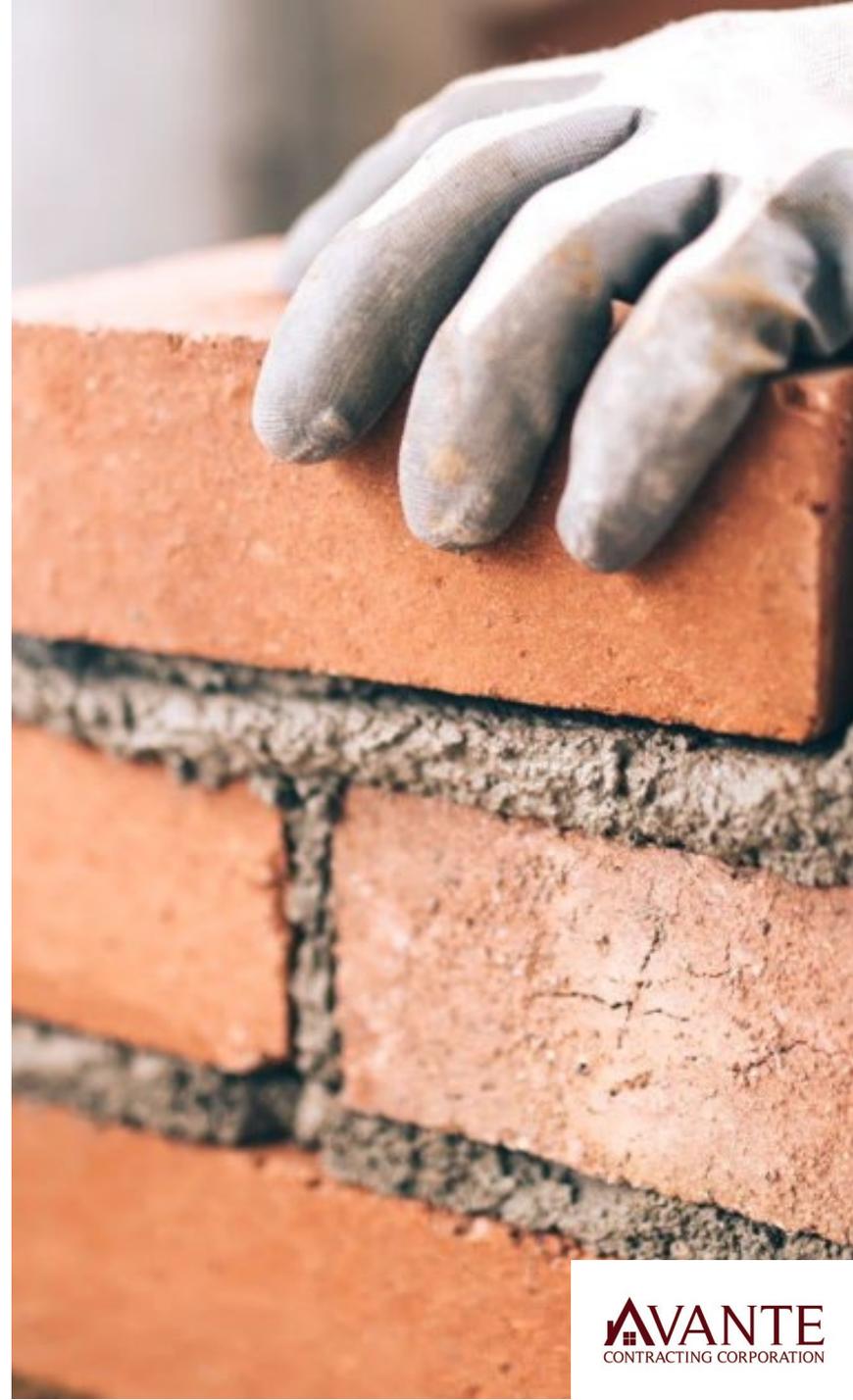
We are dedicated to achieving our clients' goals. Avante provides executive level attention to every project and hands on management from inception to completion to ensure the finest general contracting services and highest caliber workmanship for our clients.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Quality construction
builds better futures.

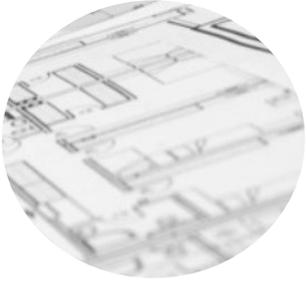
The spaces where we live, work, and play shape us. But quality isn't just about the end-product. It encompasses the life-cycle of the construction process.

The quality of our clients' experience is as important to us as the quality of the physical structures we create.



WHAT WE DO

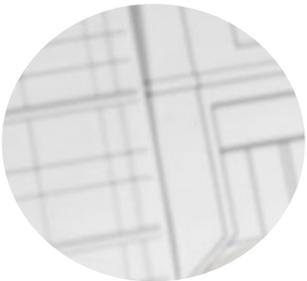
We deliver.



We know construction and are passionate about bringing our clients' vision to life on time and within budget.



We place our skills and knowledge in service to our clients and our community.



We build beautiful spaces, useful spaces, sacred spaces - spaces that have the power to enhance and transform lives.

HOW WE DO IT



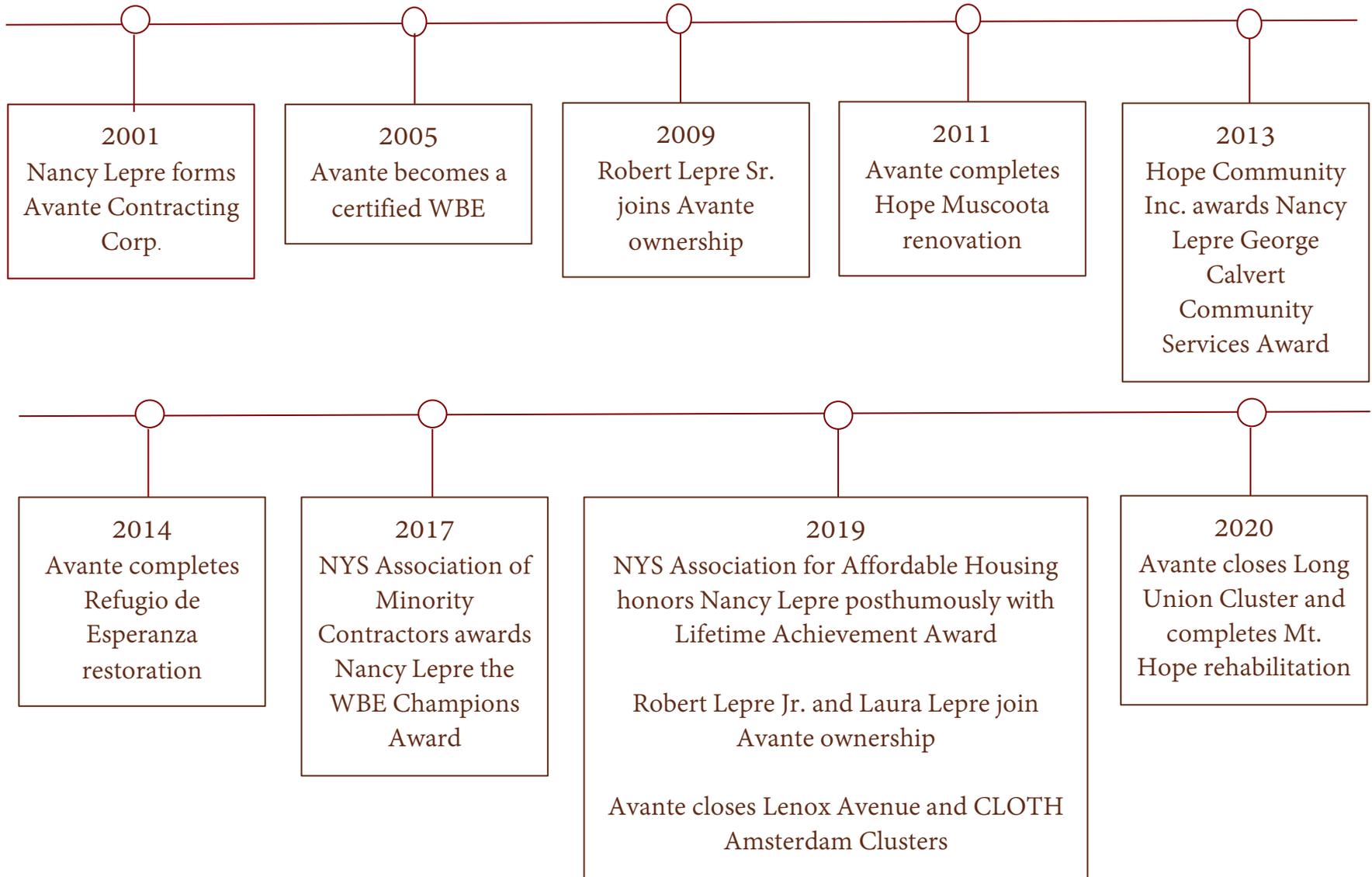
Quality construction begins with people.

Behind every construction schedule, method, or technology are the people who make it run.

We invest in people – our team members, our clients, and our subcontractors and vendors – and build strong relationships to form a coherent vision that drives project success.

Communication and collaboration are the cornerstones of how we work. We love what we do, and have fun doing it!

OUR HISTORY



REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER

Our founder and former President, Nancy Lepre, was lost too soon. With an MBA, an astute business sense, and a commanding presence, she fought tirelessly for inclusion of women and diverse ethnicities in affordable housing and construction.

She brought her fierce and articulate voice to New York City Hall and the Albany Capital where she lobbied for resources for affordable housing and expanding opportunities for women and minority owned businesses. Her award-winning advocacy efforts reflected her deep belief that everyone deserves a seat at the table.

We honor Nancy's legacy and forge ahead in our mission to take on projects that keep diversity and inclusion pulsing, all with a keen eye toward serving our clients and our community.



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

ROBERT LEPRE SR. PRESIDENT & CEO, CFO

Robert Sr. founded Avante with his wife and our late owner Nancy Lepre, and they successfully ran the company together for over 20 years. He oversees Avante's operations, including the daily maintenance of all construction projects, financials client relationships, contracts, and construction labor.

A 47-year veteran of the construction industry, Robert has worked on and completed projects of all shapes and sizes while always delivering and keeping clients needs at the forefront.

He has served on the board of the Mount Vernon Community Service Associates and is a longtime supporter of the Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club. He remains philanthropically active and is focused on Avante's mission to provide community centered construction.



ROBERT LEPRE JR. SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

Robert Jr. oversees the project management and estimating team, including daily operations of all projects and procurement of new work and opportunities.

He started out painting apartments as a summer job as a teenager and has held just about every role imaginable from laborer, to site super, to project manager, to now Senior VP. He worked hand-in-hand with Yankees legend Mariano Rivera in 2012-13' to help bring his vision to life of renovating an abandoned old church for his personal congregation.

He has over 20 years of experience in this industry and is focused on Avante's mission to provide community centered construction with employees and clients well being at the heart of everything we do.

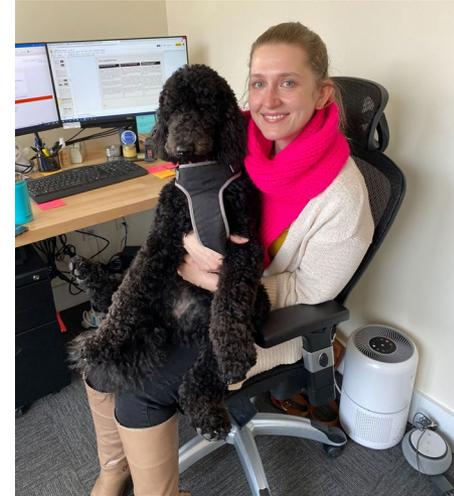


OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

ALEXANDRA HANSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

Alex manages Avante's business operations, coordinating with the project management and field teams to ensure team members have the resources and support they need to succeed. She works with clients to understand their needs and build long-lasting relationships. Her dual focus on internal management systems and external business development and client satisfaction is informed by her years working in affordable housing policy, development and construction.

Having started her career as a community organizer, she is dedicated to Avante's mission of community centered construction and the ability of quality construction to build better futures. Alex is Vice Chair of the Peekskill Housing Authority and a Board Member of Community Capital NY.



REZA NEMATI, VICE PRESIDENT OF CONSTRUCTION

Reza Nemati runs the field operations and controls the day to day construction activities. While overseeing all field staff, he also works hand in hand with the project management team. He strives to provide the highest quality of workmanship for our clients while also delivering on time and on budget, at the same time focusing on the safety and best work practices for our employees and subcontractors as a highest priority.

Reza came to Avante in 2013 and has over 35 years of experience in the construction industry, including running and operating his own construction business for many years.

Reza is dedicated to Avantes mission and core goals and is committed to providing community centered construction of the utmost quality to build better futures.



OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

LAURA LEPRE, VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING

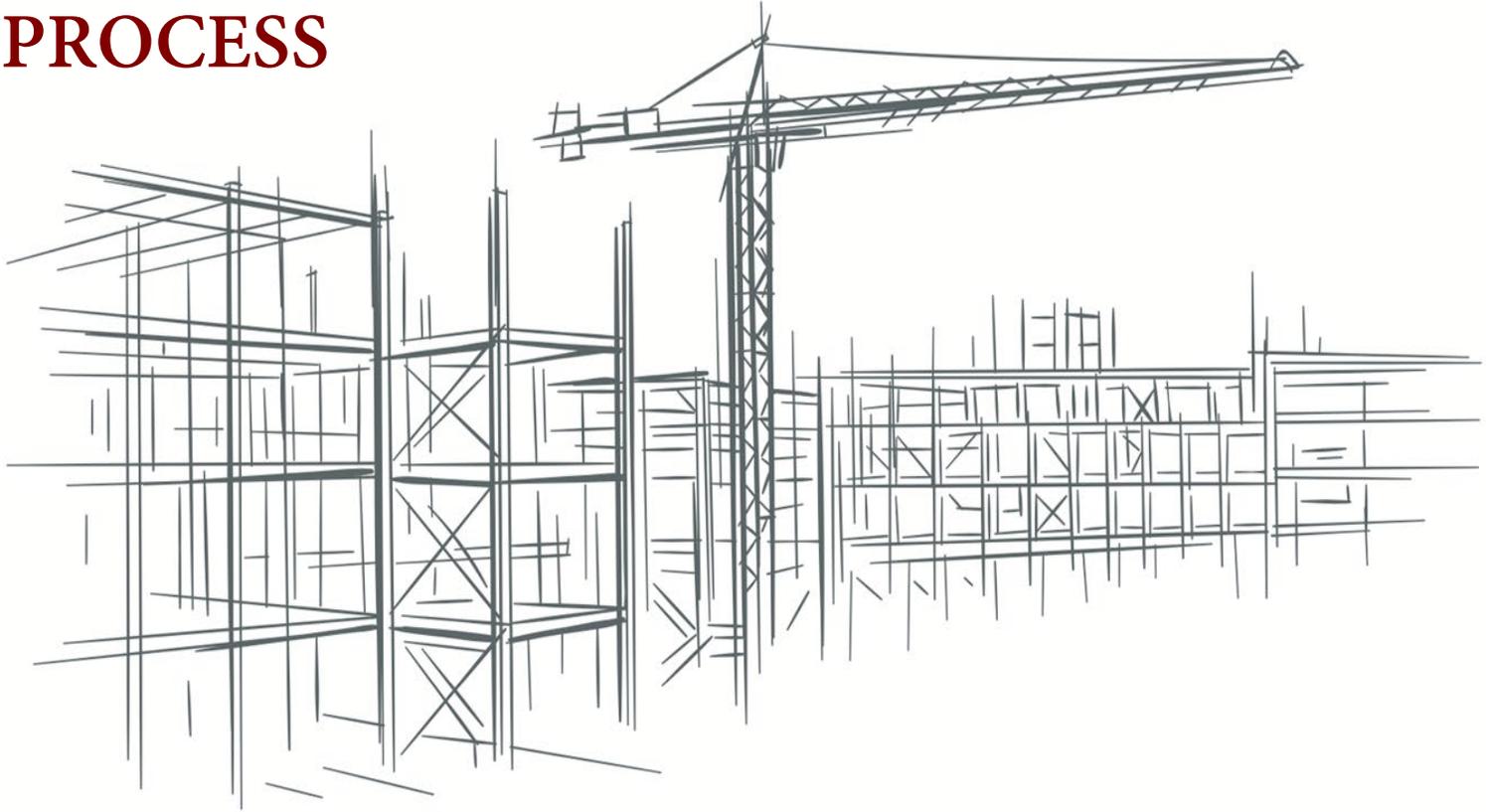
Laura is a part owner and consultant who helps to manage the brand and dedication to its values, both internally and externally. She works with the leadership team on long term strategy for growth, helps evaluate projects and ensure they align with goals, and builds processes for internal employee management.

Her background in the progressive field of creative video and photo production enable her a unique perspective to advise on new ways of working. She hopes to build innovation in the field of construction. Innovation that upholds people and communities first.



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OUR PROCESS



- Detailed scheduling, estimating, and quality control systems
- Team collaboration from office to field
- Utilization of current construction programs, including Procore and Sage
- In depth analysis of all construction documents
- Commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion
- Safety first!

OUR WORK



Avante has **rehabilitated over three thousand units of affordable housing** in New York City, Westchester and the surrounding counties.



Avante is **highly experienced with both gut and tenant-in-place rehabilitation**, engaging with tenants in a manner that demonstrates respect and minimizes disruption.



Avante has **extensive experience renovating commercial and community facility spaces** including offices, gyms, daycares, commercial kitchens, and supermarkets.

OUR WORK



Houses of
Worship

Avante works with faith leaders to **renovate and restore houses of worship**, providing communities with sacred spaces to gather and practice their faith.



Safety

Avante is **dedicated to worker safety** and our commitment to safety and health remains a constant priority in every phase of construction.



Prevailing
Wage

Avante has **performed on multiple jobs with prevailing wage requirements** and is experienced with the compliance process.

OUR WORK - Long Union Cluster (Bronx, NY)

Client: Bronx Pro Group and Avante Development

Cost: \$19M

Schedule: 24 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2022 (estimated)

Gut rehabilitation of 71 apartments across 4 existing buildings that are to become 3 buildings.

Scope includes new mechanical and heating systems, electrical, plumbing, structural adjustments, waterproofing, new roofs, and all new finishes throughout.

In addition to serving as the project's general contractor, Avante, through its development affiliate, is a co-developer with Bronx Pro Group.



OUR WORK - Chelsea Court (Manhattan, NY)

Client: Services for the Underserved

Cost: \$812,000

Schedule: 16 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2021

Moderate rehabilitation of 18 tenant occupied units

Interior scope includes in-unit, tenant-in-place rehabilitation, including painting, refinishing flooring, installing new smoke and CO detectors in all units, and kitchen and bathroom upgrades.

Exterior scope includes masonry and structural repair, new roofing and insulation, and window replacement.

Scope includes both prevailing and non-prevailing wage work

BEFORE



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OUR WORK - Mount Hope Renaissance (Bronx, NY)

Client: DP Group General Contractors

Cost: \$23.2M

Schedule: 24 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2020

Moderate rehabilitation of 272 tenant occupied units across 6 buildings.

Building rehabilitation work included new roofs, heating systems, exterior façade repairs, repairs and upgrades to interior finishes, new doors and windows in common areas, and new building entrance and vestibule doors.

In-unit work included complete gut and installation of new kitchens, bathrooms, finishes, and windows and doors.

All in-unit work was tenant-in-place, started on Monday and completed by Friday of the same week. Each tenant's toilet and sink was reinstalled at the end of each work day.



OUR WORK - FAC Renaissance (Brooklyn, NY)

Client: Fifth Avenue Committee

Cost: \$17.5M

Schedule: 36 Months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2019

Moderate rehabilitation of 16 buildings with 110 tenant-occupied units and gut-rehabilitation of 4 buildings with 36 vacant units completed in two phases.

In-unit work included new kitchens and bathrooms. Exterior upgrades included asbestos abatement, new roofs, waterproofing and façade work including pointing and lintel replacements.

The gut-rehab work included all new mechanical systems, plumbing, electrical, fire alarm, and sprinklers as well as structural, framing, and foundation work.

All buildings received new interior finishes including flooring in the lobby and common areas, and new paint finishes throughout.



OUR WORK - Shakespeare (Bronx, NY)

Client: Highbridge Community Development Corporation

Cost: \$6.2M

Schedule: 20 Months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2019

Moderate rehabilitation of a 6-story 28-unit apartment building converted into 32-apartments.

Work included bathroom and kitchen rehabilitations, plumbing and electrical work, flooring, exterior façade finishes, fire escapes, roofing, ornamental metals, concrete work, new boilers and heating systems, and all new interior finishes.



OUR WORK - WHEDco Urban Horizons (Bronx, NY)

Client: WHEDco

Cost: \$4.8M

Schedule: 24 months

Type: Affordable Residential and
Community Facility

Year Completed: 2019

Interior green scope that included replacement of showerheads, kitchen and bath faucet aerators apartment, new water meters with tenant submetering system, entry weatherstripping, exterior lighting, and a new intercom system.

Additional scope included community facility upgrades for day care and health clinic tenants.

A portion of the HVAC system installation was subject to prevailing wage requirements.



OUR WORK - Home Street (Bronx, NY)

Client: Bronx Pro Group

Cost: \$2.24M

Schedule: 15 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2019

New construction of 63 units of affordable senior housing in the Bronx.

Scope included interior framing, insulation, and drywall, taping, fire rating and interior trim.

Project covered by prevailing wage compliance requirement.



OUR WORK - Ocean Bay Bayside (Rockaway, NY)

Client: MDG Design & Construction

Cost: \$744,000

Schedule: 17 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2017

Moderate tenant-in-place rehabilitation of 48 units.

Scope included new kitchens, bathrooms, and finishes throughout each apartment including cabinetry, countertops, appliances, backsplashes, toilets, lavatories, and vinyl composite tiles.

All work within each unit was completed within a two day period to maintain the aggressive time schedule.

Project covered by prevailing wage compliance requirement.



OUR WORK - Northeast Conference Towers (Queens, NY)

Client: SMA Architecture Planning Interiors, PC

Cost: \$2.47M

Schedule: 6 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2015

Moderate rehabilitation of 111 apartment units in a senior housing building to convert to handicap accessible for aging in place.

The project utilized checkerboarding, implemented on a 3-week cycle. The work was phased to minimize the impact of construction on the senior tenants.

Scope included replacing all windows, replacing the valves on the risers, installing building water filtration system, kitchen replacements, bathroom renovations, reconfiguration of all closet and kitchen entrances for accessible clearances, new flooring and paint, and installation of new lighting, smoke and CO detectors.



OUR WORK - South Street Residence (New York, NY)

Client: South Street Residence

Cost: \$1.8M

Schedule: 12 Months

Type: Residential Community Facility

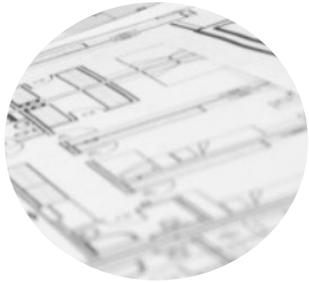
Year Completed: 2017

Modernization of communal spaces throughout owner-occupied residence in Manhattan

Scope included upgrading the community kitchen, gym and workout room, community room, first floor lobby, residential hallways, and upgrades to ground floor exterior hardscapes and building façade.



OUR WORK - Washington House (New Rochelle, NY)



Client: Mountco Construction and Development Corp.

Cost: \$467,000

Schedule: 7 Months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2015

Tenant-in-place repairs for 211 units to tile bathrooms due to bathtub replacements. New kitchens, new handrails in common hallways, and rehabilitation of community room restroom.

OUR WORK - Carrington Arms (New Rochelle, NY)



Client: Mountco Construction and Development Corp.

Cost: \$890,000

Schedule: 13 Months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2015

Tenant-in-place rehabs for 110 units, including interior painting. Upgraded tenant apartments including replacing kitchens and bathrooms, VCT replacement, ceramic tile backsplashes, renovation of the existing community rooms. Removed and reframed closets inside tenant apartments to utilize standard size closet doors.

OUR WORK - Maple Center (New Rochelle, NY)

Client: Mountco Construction and Development Corp.

Cost: \$978,000

Schedule: 10 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2015

Phase 1 (6 months): Rehabilitation of an occupied 11-story, 109 unit affordable senior housing building that included upgrading the tenant apartments and the renovation of communal spaces.

Phase 2 (4 months): Complete renovation to convert six standard apartments to ADA compliant apartments including reconfiguration of the layout of the bathrooms and kitchens, relocation of all outlets, switches, and electrical panels, and replacement of interior partitions and all interior finishes.



OUR WORK - Maple Terrace (New Rochelle, NY)

Client: Mountco Construction and Development Corp.

Cost: \$200,000

Schedule: 9 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2013

Rehabilitation of an occupied 11-story, 101 unit affordable senior housing building.

Tenant apartments received new kitchen cabinetry, countertops, and backsplashes.

Community room ceiling was removed and replaced with new grid and tiles, the floor received new tile, and the men's and ladies' restrooms were upgraded with new tile, accessories, stall partitions, and wall finishes. New custom free standing storage shed installed.



OUR WORK - Revive 103rd Street HDFC (Manhattan, NY)

Client: Hope Community Inc.

Cost: \$1.07M

Schedule: 11 months

Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2012

Tenant in place rehabilitation of a 63 unit affordable housing building.

Interior restorations included interior painting of the building complete, insulating the basement area, elevator repairs, upgraded the heating system, new common area tile flooring, installation of new tenant kitchens, as well as the upgrade of the tenant bathrooms, interior and closet doors, new windows, new electrical outlets, and new radiators.

Exterior work included painting of fire escapes, exterior brownstone repairs, brick pointing, cement restoration, and lintel and sill replacement.



OUR WORK - Muscoota HDFC (Manhattan, NY)

Client: Hope Community Inc.

Cost: \$5.47M

Schedule: 13 months

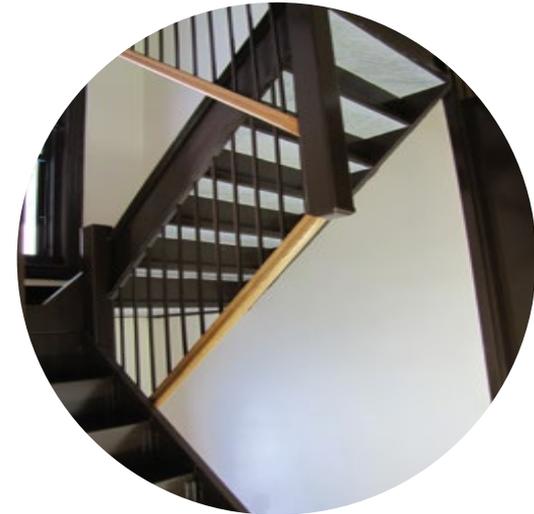
Type: Affordable Residential

Year Completed: 2011

Moderate rehabilitation of 4 affordable housing apartment buildings, ranging in size from 8 to 16 units, and gut rehabilitation of a 20 unit affordable housing apartment building.

Moderate rehab scope included removing and replacing entire central stairwell, installing new electrical and plumbing systems, replacing joists and flooring in the common areas and hallways, and painted the interior of the entire building.

Gut rehabilitation scope included replacing all joists, framing, upgrading the electrical and mechanical systems, and all new apartment finishes.



OUR WORK - Homestead Hill (Port Chester, NY)

Client: JH Real Estate Group,
LLC

Cost: \$3.2M

Schedule: 20 months

Type: Market Rate Residential

Year Completed: 2009

New construction of an 11-unit,
two building townhome complex

Extensive site work including rock
removal by blasting and site-
grading and leveling



OUR WORK - Refugio de Esperanza (New Rochelle, NY)

Client: Mariano Rivera (yes, that Mariano Rivera)

Cost: \$3M

Schedule: 24 months

Type: Church

Year Completed: 2014

Gut renovation and restoration of existing 110-year old stone church

Scope included extensive structural and interior work

BEFORE



AFTER



OUR WORK - St. Barnabas (Bronx, NY)

Client: L+M Builders Group

Cost: \$772,000

Schedule: 32 months over multiple phases

Type: Community facility

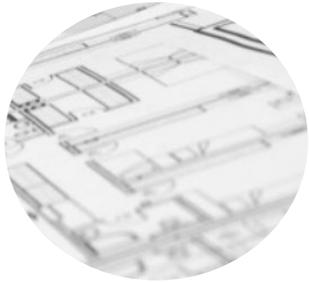
Year Completed: 2019

Renovation of an existing medical center to include the installation of a new dialysis center, a tenant fit out for a new daycare facility, and a building lobby renovation.

Each phase of work included mechanicals, electrical, plumbing, and interior finishes.



OUR WORK - CAMBA Building 2 (Queens, NY)



Client: CAMBA

Cost: \$525,000

Schedule: 2 months

Type: Commercial

Year Completed: 2015

Commercial interior tenant fit out to take a raw space and transform it into new offices. Scope of work included new interior framing, form and pour new accessible ramps, HVAC, electrical, data ports, plumbing, and finishes to create an open work area, kitchen, and bathrooms. All work was completed within the 6 week schedule allotment.

OUR WORK - Office of the Manhattan Borough President (NY, NY)



Client: Office of the Manhattan
Borough President

Cost: \$190,000

Schedule: 2 months

Type: Commercial

Year Completed: 2015

Commercial interior fit out to take a raw space and transform it into new offices. Scope of work included form and pour new floor with accessible ramps, installation of new roll-down gates, new HVAC, electrical, dropped sheetrock ceiling, interior partitions, and new interior curtain wall to create a new conference room.

OUR WORK - Supermarket (Queens, NY)

Client: Associate Fresh Supermarket

Cost: \$500,000

Schedule: 5 months

Type: Commercial

Year Completed: 2015

Complete interior fit-out of approx. 6,000 SF supermarket including electrical, plumbing, HVAC, storefront glass and door assembly, specialty equipment, and all finishes including tilework and painting.





LICENSES

- City of New York Department of Consumer Affairs License No. 1283418-DCA
- City of New York Department of Transportation
- Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection Home Improvement License No. WC-12493-H02
- State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection Home Improvement Contractor Registration No. HIC.0626033



INSURANCE & BONDING

- General Liability, Workers Compensation, Disability, Commercial Automotive Liability, Umbrella, Pollution and Professional Liability Insurance Policies
- Bonding in place: \$40M single project limit and total projects that aggregate up to \$80M



CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Member of the Better Business Bureau with an A+ Rating
- Certified in Mold Remediation
- EPA Certified Lead Renovator

AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement Award - 2019

*New York State Association for Affordable Housing
(NYSFAFH)*

Presented posthumously to Nancy Lepre

Great Business Award - 2018

Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle

2017 WBE Champions Award - 2017

New York State Association of Minority Contractors, Inc.

Outstanding Woman Owned Business Enterprise Award - 2014

National Minority Business Council, Inc.

The George Calvert Community Service Award - 2013

Hope Community Inc.

Women of Excellence Award - 2012

New York Women's Chamber of Commerce

Muscoota Refinance & Development Award - 2010

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