



COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED DEVELOPMENT ON CONTENTIOUS UPPER WEST SIDE

In contrast to the litigious history of the neighboring Trump City, Manhattan West, a million square foot residential and mixed use development by The Brodsky Organization enjoyed support of the extremely activist community on Manhattan's Upper West Side throughout its evolution. To a large measure, this was due to Konheim & Ketcham's credibility with Community Board No. 7 from having evaluated earlier proposals for the Penn Central rail yards, the responsiveness of the developer, and the open manner with which K&K prepared an extensive environmental impact statement.

Subject to a rigorous City Environmental Quality Review, the EIS had to account for the effect of the ever-changing Trump project on traffic at dozens of intersections and many other aspects, including wind tunnel studies of Con Ed emissions that led to reconfiguring Manhattan West to avoid impacts. Mitigation for bringing 2,500 residents into a park-deficient area was the creation of more than 50,000 sq.ft. of public open space above underground parking garages.