



## EPA Honors NYC's Green Buildings in Competition

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**New York, New York [RenewableEnergyAccess.com]** Architects using the best that technology has to offer in New York's green building industry were honored recently for projects that help protect the environment while working to bring natural light, power and energy efficiency to the city skyline. The Bronx Zoo Lion House is brighter, Coney Island's Stillwell Avenue terminal is solar powered and the New Sunrise Yard maintenance facility is energy efficient.

These innovative architectural projects were among the winners of The Green Building Competition for New York City, a joint U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) competition that attracted professionals and students from across disciplines to submit their projects and concepts for the city.

"New York City is taking the lead in innovative designs for sustainable development. The 'city that never sleeps' never stops building either, so it's only appropriate that it integrate green building practices at every step of the development process," said EPA Regional Administrator Alan J. Steinberg.

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For overall excellence in the use of good design principles and the integration of innovative green building technologies, the Grand Winner was New Sunrise Yard (submitted by Gruzen Samton LLP Architects, Planners, Interior Designers). This project will be the base of operations for the facilities maintenance group of the NYC Department of Transportation and is part of the NYC Department of Design and Construction's sustainable design pilot program. Using an integrated, consensus driven process, the project achieves a 65% energy savings over the technical baseline through measures such as use of high performance glass, clerestory roof system, a high efficiency lighting system, radiant floor heating, demand-based ventilation, and use of high-efficiency boilers.

Other winners were the Stillwell Avenue terminal train, Bronx Zoo Lion House conversion, Common Ground Community Pitt Street residence and The Helena.

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