

Affordable housing lottery opens for new health-focused complex in the Bronx



A year and a half after breaking ground on the project, mental health nonprofit Community Access has opened the affordable housing for a new, \$52.2 million supportive housing complex in the Mount Eden neighborhood of the Bronx. As 6sqft previously reported, “it incorporates sustainable elements such as solar panels and a co-generation plant, as well as health-focused amenities like a community garden and kitchen to encourage and teach about healthy eating, outdoor exercise equipment, and a bike sharing program.” The building at 111 East 172nd Street has 126 units, 50 percent of which are set aside for formerly homeless New Yorkers or families with special needs. The remaining half is available as of today through the city’s lottery and are reserved for those earning 60 percent of the area median income, including **\$864/month studios and \$1,122/month two-bedrooms**.

This project is the seventh in the Bronx for Community Access, whose mission is to “expand opportunities for people living with mental health concerns to recover from trauma and discrimination

through affordable housing, training, advocacy and healing-focused services.” Following the February 2017 groundbreaking, the organization’s Health and Wellness coordinator Rica Bryan said, “We really see food and physical activity as a pathway to connection here at community access.”

The mission of Community Access is to “expand opportunities for people living with mental health concerns to recover from trauma and discrimination through affordable housing, training, advocacy and healing-focused services.” The 172nd Street project will be their seventh in the Bronx; they’re also responsible for Gouverneur Court on the Lower East Side. This will be their first, however, to incorporate all the programs offered across the other projects. “It’s really a culmination of everything we’ve learned over the past 40 years,” Community Access CEO Steve Coe told NY1. Rica Bryan, the organization’s Health and Wellness coordinator, added, “We really see food and physical activity as a pathway to connection here at community access.”



Qualifying New Yorkers can apply to enter the waitlist for the affordable Riverton Apartments until **October 22, 2018**. Fifty percent of units will be set aside for residents of Bronx Community Board 4. Completed applications will be accepted by mail or online and randomly selected applications will be placed on a waiting list. Complete details on how to apply are available [here \(pdf\)](#). Questions regarding this offer must be referred to NYC's Housing Connect department by dialing 311.

