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### Energy-Efficient, Affordable Liberty Homes Completed

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EAST NEW YORK — The completion and grand opening of the affordable and energy-efficient Liberty Apartments was celebrated on Friday, Sept. 16, with representatives of the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), the Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation (LDC), Dunn Development and JPMorgan Chase, along with elected officials and residents of the new development.

The 43-unit complex, at 119 Fountain Ave., has been recognized by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) as having met the requirements to be an "Energy \$mart" development. In addition, the apartments are designed to accommodate Brooklynites with disabilities (seven of the units are fully accessible and move-in ready for persons who have disabilities).

"Our mission to create an array of affordable housing as diverse as our great city is unequalled anywhere in the country," said HPD Commissioner Mathew M. Wambua. "The Liberty Apartments more than fits the bill with its state-of-the-art green technology, and a special focus given to the needs of New Yorkers with developmental disabilities. It is this commitment to excellence that keeps New York City in the forefront of the affordable housing industry."

Added Martin Dunn, president of Dunn Development, "We wanted to show that it's possible to build a beautiful building, make it highly energy efficient and still provide affordable rents and serve a diverse group of people. Working together with HPD, HCR, NYSERDA and Cypress Hills LDC, we have achieved that vision with Liberty Apartments."

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The project site originally encompassed 15 city-owned properties and two privately-owned properties, according to Dunn.

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