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New Paltz's Zero Place, still under construction, wins Building of Excellence competition

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The construction progress at Zero Place in New Paltz.

Zero Place was recently selected as a winner in New York State's inaugural Buildings of Excellence Competition for the design, construction and operation of a zero-carbon-emitting multifamily building. This competition supports the state's climate and energy goals, which aim to achieve economy-wide carbon neutrality and mandate an 85 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

"We couldn't be more excited to receive this award, validating our design and commitment to a zerocarbon future and establishing a leadership position on climate action," says Zero Place founding partner David Shepler. "If we are to have any hope of slowing the coming climate crisis, we must find a way to end carbon emissions from buildings in our state and around the world. Zero Place sets the example."

Zero Place is a 46-unit, mixed-use apartment building under construction in the Village of New Paltz with anticipated completion in September 2020. The building, designed to achieve LEED certification and net-zero-energy performance, will include five affordable housing units and over 8,000 square feet of retail space. The building combines a geothermal system for all heating, cooling and hot water with a 246-kW solar system and high-performance building envelope to achieve net-zero energy. With an onsite bus stop, electric car charging stations, adjacency to the Empire State Trail, on-site bicycle infrastructure and lanes, Zero Place aims to reduce transportation-related carbon emissions.

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The project team includes founding partner David Shepler, partners Anthony Aebi and Keith Libolt, architect David Toder of BOLDER Architecture, building energy consultant Pasquale Strocchia of Integral Building & Design and construction manager Affordable Housing Concepts.

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