



## Las Raices

Las Raices is an affordable housing development in East Harlem, New York, created through a partnership between Ascendant Neighborhood Development and MDG Design and Construction. The project includes four newly constructed buildings with 78 income-restricted apartments—12 of which are reserved for formerly homeless individuals—and 10,000 square feet of community space. Named “Las Raices” (“The Roots”) to reflect the neighborhood’s cultural legacy, the development prioritizes long-term affordability and community identity.

The buildings incorporate green roofs, energy-efficient systems, and flood resilient design. Adjacent community gardens will receive upgrades through partnerships with local gardeners, and a new three-story facility will house Opus Dance Theater, promoting arts and cultural programming in the neighborhood.

## Areas of Business

Real Estate and Community Development

Supportive Housing

## Goldstein Hall's Role

Brian Hsu, Esq. of Goldstein Hall PLLC served as lead counsel for the joint venture through the acquisition and financing of this affordable housing cluster project.

## Community Impact

Las Raices strengthens East Harlem’s cultural and community life by combining affordable housing, environmental sustainability, and access to the arts. It offers formerly homeless and low-income New Yorkers a chance to build stability and lasting roots in the neighborhood, while also enhancing public spaces and celebrating local identity through design, art, and inclusive programming.