



## EEA Press Release

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### **445 and 414 Gerard Ave. Buildings Earn EPA's ENERGY STAR® Certification for Superior Energy Efficiency**

New York, NY – Ettinger Engineering Associates is pleased to announce that the 445 and 414 Gerard Ave. high-rise apartment buildings have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR MFHR certification.

The ENERGY STAR label identifies apartments and condo units in multifamily buildings that are designed to be at least 15% more efficient than typical new construction. Throughout the construction process, independent testing and inspections are performed to confirm that the building meets the strict requirements set by the EPA's ENERGY STAR program. Once this verification is completed, the units in the building can earn the ENERGY STAR label.

The Gerard Ave. buildings are 12 stories tall with a total of 544 market-rate dwelling units. The buildings are Carbon Neutral Ready and participating in NYSERDA's New Construction - Housing Program (PON 4337) and are receiving incentives totaling \$323,600. Both buildings are on track to receive the LEED-Homes v4 certification.

"Our company is committed to raising the bar for energy efficiency in our multifamily high rise building construction projects like the Gerard Ave. project," said Ed Ettinger, EEA's Managing Principal. "The units in this building will provide important benefits for both residents and the environment."



*445 Gerard Ave.  
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ENERGY STAR certified units provide durable, high-quality, and comfortable living spaces with third-party inspected energy-saving features like high performance windows, tight construction and ducts, high performance heating and cooling equipment, and efficient lighting and appliances.

“Developers who partner with ENERGY STAR offer new apartments and condo units that are designed and built to standards well above most others on the market today,” said Jonathan Passe, Director of EPA’s ENERGY STAR Residential Branch. “ENERGY STAR certified units are built with a comprehensive design, construction, and verification process to ensure that these living spaces will offer real energy efficiency, comfort, durability, and value for years to come.”



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#### About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. For more information about the ENERGY STAR Multifamily High Rise Program, visit [www.energystar.gov/certifiedapartments](http://www.energystar.gov/certifiedapartments) or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).