

## Delaware North headquarters wins top Urban Land Institute award

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For the second time in as many years, a Buffalo development project came away with one of the top honors in the Urban Land Institute New York's annual awards.

The Delaware North building, developed by Uniland Development Co., was named the top statewide project in the ULI's "Excellence in Mixed Use" category. The 12-story building, located at the corner of Delaware Avenue and W. Chippewa Street, beat out the City Point project in Brooklyn for the honors.

"This is an incredible honor, especially considering the project that we were up against," said Michael Montante, Uniland vice president. "I interpret this to mean that we are doing the types of projects in Buffalo that make an economic and environmental impact and are to scale."

The Delaware North site was one of 19 finalists in eight different categories. Most of the finalists were from the New York City area, or one of its boroughs, however, the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp.'s nightly light show on the Connecting Terminals was a finalist in the best civic project category. It did not win.

Designed by Toronto-based Diamond Schmitt Architects, the Delaware North building serves as the corporate headquarters for Delaware North. A mix of other office tenants are in the building as is the 119-room Westin hotel and the Patina 250 and Jake's Cafe restaurants.

Last year, Ciminelli Real Estate Corp.'s Conventus also won a top ULI award.