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Conventus Wins ULI New York Award



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Conventus has won the Excellence in Office Development category of the Urban Land Institute New York (ULI) 2016 Awards for Excellence in Development. Conventus was one of only 14 Finalists in the overall competition, and was the only Finalist outside of the New York City Area. The winners were announced at ULI New York’s awards ceremony held Thursday evening in Manhattan. The project was developed Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation and investment management firm Seavest Healthcare Properties, LLC. It was designed by Kideney Architects.

The ULI event recognizes exemplary land use projects in New York State that raise the bar for development, design, planning and sustainability. The finalists represented a cross section of industry leaders across residential, commercial, mixed-use and civic space development. The level of competition was extremely high; 4 World Trade Center was one of Conventus’ two competitors in the category of Excellence in Office Development.

The award was accepted by Ciminelli President and CEO, Paul Ciminelli, along with members of the Ciminelli and Seavest team last night. “This award represents years of thoughtful planning and collaboration among our team, the City of Buffalo, and our neighbors on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. It speaks not only to the talents of our project team, but to the momentum that the City of Buffalo and all of the institutions on the Medical Campus have collectively created. It’s an incredible honor.”

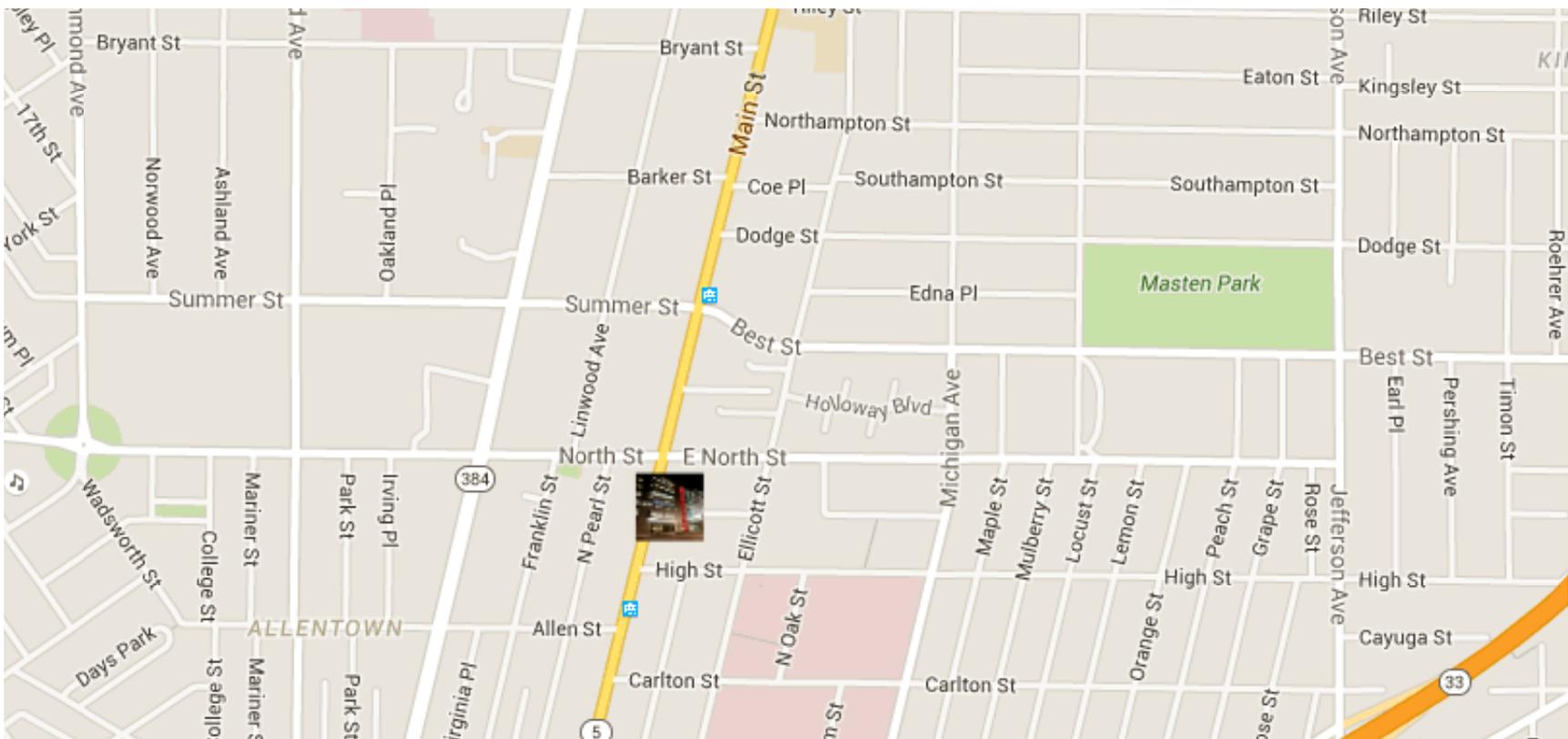
The Urban Land Institute has long held its own Global Awards for Excellence, which is widely recognized as the most prestigious

awards program in the development community. With this competition, ULI New York applied the same discerning eye to projects in New York. ULI New York selected the winners based on how a project distinguished itself as part of a high-quality environment, and whether the development was commercially successful. Judges toured Conventus in January before making their final decision.

“This award is a tribute to the planning and execution of the project by our partner, Ciminelli Real Estate. We strive to develop projects that improve the healthcare environment for patients and tenants. Conventus exceeds this goal,” said Jonathan Winer, Senior Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Seavest.

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@OldFirstWard You're still chugging away being a Negative Nancy? What kinda of miserable world do you live in? BTW...the building looks awesome!

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Who was the architect? Probably worth mentioning in the article, no?

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@GuileFlagfors

Good point! Added.

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If only more buildings in Buffalo were of the quality of design to win awards

I also wish that when we do get an award winning, high quality building constructed that it be taller. Some would say that we have a whole city to infill but its the density of development that is creating a growth engine on the life sciences campus. Id hate to see us infill with low/medium height buildings which spread out far and wide such that it loses its momentum and idle properties to build and grow. I think there is a growth boundary. There is a limit to how far people will walk from the light rail to work or to patronize a business. There is a limit to how far apart buildings can be and still be integrated into a campus without diminishing returns.

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@sheltonsq

I get the point about wanting more height but that is a very separate characteristic than the general term "high-quality". There can be plenty of crappy tall buildings (typical Toronto condos anyone?) around. Remember that for office buildings, a large floor plate on fewer floors is the norm, which is why the thinner but tall towers (HSBC, Main Place) are hard to fill for offices. Buffalo's next tall

building (20-30 stories) will probably be residential. Hopefully some day.

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Yeah, but most new builds are pretty small.

The smaller the project the less likely developers will spend on design.

True for any city, not just Buffalo.

The thing other cities have is scale. So out of maybe 100 new builds, one of them might be special. Those cities are seeing 2000 new builds per year.

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Lol what city is seeing 2000 new builds per year?

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