

336 Park Avenue, Brooklyn

The nature of the site determined the project. The site is an undersized and irregular lot in an R6B zone in Brooklyn. Across the street is an elevated portion of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway – a six-lane interstate highway. The front of the building, facing the BQE, faces north, and the rear faces south. We zoned the stair and bathrooms to face the BQE, thus creating a buffer from the noise. There are few windows on the north and west faces, and large amounts of glass facing the rear yards to the south. The irregular shape of the lot gave the inspiration for the roofline. Though not certified, the building was designed to meet Energy Star criteria, including high efficiency boiler and AC, high levels of insulation and air sealing, radiant floor heat distribution, and an energy recovery ventilation system.