

## Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects

Battery Park City  
New York, New York

**Right:** Master plan of Battery Park City and image of Battery Park City today.

**Below:** Portion of riverfront Esplanade, showing details reflecting New York park traditions.



Ehrenkrantz Eckstut and Kuhn Architects' (EE&K Architects) master plan for Battery Park City created an entirely new urban neighborhood on 92 acres of waterfront landfill. The plan established a grid of streets at historical Manhattan scale, with a series of parks and other focal points. A stringent set of design guidelines provided architects of individual

parcels with the means to ensure sympathetic relationships and capitalize on river views. The development has won numerous prestigious awards, both as a plan and as it has moved incrementally toward completion. One essential feature of the plan is the 1.2-mile Esplanade, which maximizes public enjoyment of the riverfront. It provides cloistered set-

tings as well as a generous pedestrian thoroughfare and is studded with public art by world-famous artists. In one area, the Esplanade leads into South Cove Park, which introduces boardwalks, jetties, a viewing platform, a bridge to a floating island, and a distinct palette of plant materials – all to bring the public into closer contact with the water and harbor

views. Among the numerous commercial, residential, and mixed-use buildings that contribute to Battery Park City's urban quality, EE&K Architects has designed the Liberty View Apartments, a 28-story, 300,000-square-foot structure in the South Cove vicinity, designed to exemplify the guidelines established by the firm in its master plan, with apartments

oriented to views of the river and the Statue of Liberty. EE&K Architects is currently designing two residential buildings anchored by a community recreation center. These buildings will be built on the last available site of Battery Park City.



**Top:** Liberty View Apartments at center, with elements of South Cove Park, designed with artist Mary Miss, in foreground.

**Above:** Aerial View of Rector Place in Battery Park City.

**Left:** Gardened square within Battery Park City's Rector Place.

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