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Yonkers On The Move - A Rendering Of The Westhab 113 Unit Affordable Housing Building.

## Westhab Proposes Another Affordable Apartment Building At 76 Locust Hill Avenue

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YONKERS, NY The Yonkers-based nonprofit Westhab has proposed putting up a six-story building on Locust Hill Avenue; between Palisades Avenue and Lafayette Place, in Yonkers.

On November 12th Westhab will make a formal presentation to the Yonkers Planning Board meeting.

All 113 units would be priced as

affordable apartments and would consist of 19 studios, 45 one-bedroom units, 44 two-bedroom units and five three-bedroom units.

One of the two-bedroom units would be reserved for a live-in building superintendent.

The building would have two community rooms.

Renters would have to earn no more than 60% of the average median income for Westchester.

There would be parking for 84 cars at the U-Shaped building.

Other amenities for residents would include laundry room, electric vehicle charging stations and a bike storage room.

Westhab is seeking variances from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals that would be needed to proceed with the project.

Among these are allowing the building to providing less parking than is required, by claiming that

that affordable residents do not drive as much nor own as many cars as do residents of typical market-rate and luxury buildings in Yonkers.

The 113 unit apartment building would replace the former St. Margaret of Hungary Roman Catholic Church that is currently boarded up.

Amy Gross of Amy Gross Architects in Queens designed the Westhab building.

Attorney Steve Accinelli of the Yonkers-based law firm Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto LLP is representing Westhab, before the many city boards and commissions.

Westhab was founded in 1981 to help deal with the lack of affordable housing in Westchester County.

It is unclear if Yonkers resident would be given preference to the 113 affordable housing units or if new residents would be brought in from other areas of the county.