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## **Merritt 7 Corporate Park named Green Building of the Year by NAIOP**

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Merritt 7 Corporate Park has been awarded the Green Building of the Year award by the Westchester/Fairfield County Chapter of NAIOP. Merritt 7 was recognized by the real estate community which nominated and voted the office complex for its achievements in becoming a leader in Green Building advancement in the region (a new category for this year's event).

The awards were presented at NAIOP's 2008 Annual Real Estate Awards Ceremony held recently at the Winged Foot Golf Club. The event was hosted by Frank Kenny, CEO of Willett Companies. More than 100 members of the community gathered at the event.

Through a collaborative effort between managing and leasing agent Albert D. Phelps, Inc. and ING Clarion Partners, an investment advisor to the property owner, Merritt 7 has made a firm commitment toward environmental stewardship and taken numerous actions over a several year period to make the complex more energy efficient.

All of Merritt 7's six buildings are registered with the USGBC for LEED-EB Certification.

Merritt 7 received the Environmental Stewardship Award from the Northeast Energy Efficiency Council - Connecticut chapter (NEEC-CT) and Connecticut Light and Power (CL&P) for its energy conservation efforts. Merritt 7 works closely with CL&P on various energy saving projects to further reduce cost and consumption.

Merritt 7 Corporate Park is owned by Merritt 7 Venture LLC, a joint venture between New York State Teachers' Retirement System and Fairfield Investors, Inc.

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