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CA Architects and Walters Storyk Design Group, 101 Avenue D; Credit: Cheryl Fleming

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CTA Architects (formerly **Cutsogeorge Tooman & Allen Architects**) designed a 90,000-square-foot, 12-story, mixed-use building on Avenue D between 7th and 8th Streets. Formerly a vacant lot, the site is now brimming with activity taking place at the Lower Eastside Girls Club for Community, which occupies the first three floors. A new addition to the project is a 1958 Airstream trailer that's prominently displayed in a second-story window. The 140-square-foot trailer has been repurposed by **Walters Storyk Design Group** to serve as a teaching, recording, and broadcast production studio for the club's WGRL Internet Radio Station and Recording Arts Program. The space outside the trailer is a combination classroom/live performance stage. The design of the interiors was guided by **Lyn Pentecost**, co-founder of the Lower Eastside Girls Club of New York, who studied architecture and design at Cooper Union. There is a multi-purpose facility for healthcare and physical activities, a technology lab, a 64-seat planetarium with a 30-foot dome, a working green roof, an art school, a bakery, café, and an outdoor fountain designed by artist **Kiki Smith**. Retail occupies part of the first floor, and floors four through 12 contain 78 studio and one-bedroom apartments that are 50% market, 30% middle-, and 20% low-income rentals.