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**CORTLANDT, OSSINING RECEIVE FIRST PLACE AWARDS**  
**IN 8th-ANNUAL HISTORIC RIVER TOWNS ‘FLOWER VILLAGE’ CONTEST**

*Ginsburg Development Companies sponsors contest for towns along Hudson River*

**VALHALLA, N.Y.** (Nov. 9) – Cortlandt and Ossining Village and Town tied for first place in the Eighth Annual Historic River Towns of Westchester Flower Village competition honoring the most beautiful and best-landscaped municipalities along the Hudson River in Westchester County.

Yonkers came in second place in the contest sponsored by Ginsburg Development Companies, which is based in Valhalla, N.Y., and active in a number of riverfront towns. Peekskill received a third-place citation. The winning communities will receive commemorative plaques and \$1,000 cash donations to help them pay for next year’s landscaping.

“The towns lining the Hudson River are a scenic ‘string of pearls,’ and we’re pleased to sponsor this competition, which recognizes local residents’ efforts to beautify their towns,” said Ginsburg Development founder and Principal Martin Ginsburg. “The towns along the Hudson are undergoing a dramatic renaissance as people rediscover their historic downtown areas and the beauty of the Hudson River, and these awards are one way we’re trying to inform the public about these towns and what they have to offer.”

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River towns from Yonkers to Peekskill participated in the GDC-sponsored contest. The downtown areas of the communities were judged during July and August by David Ferris Miller, a landscape architect who has worked with GDC for more than 35 years. Miller has designed many GDC communities, selecting all of the landscaping materials and supervising installation.

GDC provides “seed money” each spring to the communities for beautification projects. Miller visits the main public areas in each participating community and assigns a score to each city, town or village.

Last year, Hastings-on-Hudson and Peekskill were named dual winners for their original and well-kept displays. Cortlandt placed second while Dobbs Ferry took third. Peekskill was a winner for the third year in a row during 2006.

“The participating communities all did a fine job,” said Miller. “They all had attractive plantings that helped beautify their downtown areas and made them a nicer place to visit.”

Ginsburg began the competition in 1999 after witnessing a similar competition while on vacation in Europe. “The local governments and businesses put a lot of effort into beautifying their downtown areas,” said Ginsburg. “The Flower Village contest is a way to recognize this hard work and encourage people to visit the towns.”

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Current GDC communities include Riverbend in Peekskill, N.Y., The Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.), Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.), Hudson Pointe in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Ichabod's Landing in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., Marbury Corners in Pelham, N.Y., Liberty at Newtown (Conn.), Ridgewood at Middlebury (Conn.) and The Greens at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield, Conn. To place your name on GDC's priority list for future communities, log on to [www.gdc-homes.com](http://www.gdc-homes.com), click on to "future communities" and then "name of development" or call 1-866-GDC-4-HOMES.

Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), established in 1964 and based in Valhalla, N.Y., is one of the nation's premier full-service real estate design, development and management companies. Martin Ginsburg is the president and chief executive officer. GDC has developed more than 10,000 residential units during its 40-year corporate history. GDC's residential sales Web site is [www.gdc-homes.com](http://www.gdc-homes.com). Information about GDC's commercial ventures, corporate activities and charitable foundation is available at [www.gdcllc.com](http://www.gdcllc.com).