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Jason Nathan, Chairman of the New York City Housing and Redevelopment Board, shown here with Mrs. Blorneva Selby of Metro North Mend and Miss Mimosa Meisner of Community Planning Board Number 11, in the exhibition The New City: Architecture and Urban Renewal at The Museum of Modern Art.

Mrs. Selby and Miss Meisner are making a model of the project shown above which they hope to display in a bank in the area. The project, designed by faculty members at Columbia University, one of the four teams commissioned by the Museum for the show, suggests covering the railroad tracks that run above Park Avenue and building a 37-block long structure of varying heights from 97th to 135th Streets. The chief advantage of the scheme is that the structure could be built in stages. Families could move into the new buildings before any structures were demolished.

The exhibition of models, plans and large photo murals suggests ways to make the Hudson River useable and visible, to extend Central Park north in two long corridors and to add new land by connecting Ward's and Randall's Islands to each other and to Manhattan thus creating three lakes of pure water for boating and swimming.

Co-sponsored by the City of New York as a public service, the exhibition will remain on view through March 13. It is presented by the Museum, not as a master plan, but in order to start a public discussion of ways to improve life in Manhattan.

Among the groups who have asked for specially guided tours of the exhibition, which covers the area from 96th Street to 155th Street from river to river, are City College, Union Theological Seminary and Drew Hamilton Senior Citizens Club. P.S. 43, 509 West 129th Street, is bringing 90 students on March 2.

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