

# Outsulation® Case Study



## DRYVIT PROVES TO BE THE RIGHT CALL FOR WESTERN NEW YORK'S FIRST CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT CENTER



**Dryvit's unique, valued-added EIFS solution provides \$71 million Canterbury Woods project with a splendid English country look.**

Amherst, New York-Looking to create that special one-of-a-kind look but hamstrung by budget realities? Who do you call?

Well, if you're the developer of a \$71 million, 360,000 square foot, state-of-the-art continuing care retirement community in western New York, you call Dryvit. That's what the developers of Canterbury Woods did.

"Cost was a major consideration for us, as was aesthetics. This system gave us the flexibility needed to create the aesthetics of the English country home look we wanted to achieve," said Edward Weeks, president and CEO of the Episcopal Church Home and Affiliates, the owner and operator of Canterbury Woods. "The money saved using Dryvit instead of stone or brick was invested back in the project, enabling us to do more in other areas of the building."

Like any project big or small, Canterbury Wood's developers had choices to consider, factors to weigh, and decisions to make. "When we began planning Canterbury Woods, we first considered using stone

**Project Name:**  
Canterbury Woods  
Amherst, New York

**Owner:**  
Episcopal Church Home &  
Affiliates  
Buffalo, New York

**Architect:**  
Engelbrecht & Griffin  
Newburyport, Massachusetts

**Dryvit System:**  
Outsulation

**General Contractor:**  
Ciminelli Construction Company  
Buffalo, New York

**Dryvit Applicator:**  
Mader Construction Corporation  
Elma, New York

**Dryvit Distributor:**  
Thermal Foams Inc.  
Buffalo, New York

or brick. Each proved to be much more expensive than the Dryvit solution. Two other important considerations factored heavily in our decision. First, Dryvit provided more insulation value over stone or brick—a big issue considering the area's cold climate. Building with Dryvit would be quicker as well," said Dennis Wilhelm, Senior Vice President of Retirement Life Services, the project developer.

Nestled in the peaceful woods just a snowball's throw from Buffalo, New York, Canterbury Woods is western New York's first continuing care retirement center. "Canterbury Woods was the largest project we have handled to date," said Frank Wopperer, Vice President of Thermal Foams Inc., Dryvit's Buffalo New York distributor. Dryvit products were applied to the vertical walls, totaling more than 100,000 square feet. Construction of the center was completed on schedule and under budget with the first residents entering in June 1999.

Situated on 64 scenic acres in Amherst, New York, the 3-story facility is home to 450 elderly residents who require different levels of care. The facility includes more than 200 independent living units, 32 enriched housing quarters as well as 48 private rooms with 24-hour skilled nursing care.

All the parties involved in this impressive project agree that Dryvit was the right call—one that they would readily make again. "We are more than satisfied with Dryvit and have no complaints whatsoever," said Mr. Weeks. A second phase of development Canterbury Woods is being contemplated. "Considering our satisfying experience with Dryvit on phase one, there are no reasons why we could consider using anything but Dryvit on the next phase," added Mr. Wilhelm.

### **About Dryvit's Outsulation System:**

Used on more than 300,000 buildings worldwide, Dryvit's Outsulation System is designed as a barrier wall system and is detailed to prevent water intrusion. As a technology, Outsulation continues to represent a major breakthrough in construction methods, materials and standards. Its light weight reduces costly structural requirements needed with conventional construction materials, and its ease of application speeds up project completion dates. The Outsulation System components include insulation board, which is a

composite material that's environmentally safe, thermally efficient (R-4 per inch) and easy to size and shape. Dryvit's high performance acrylic adhesives are used to adhere the insulation board to an approved substrate. For strength and durability, a glass fiber mesh is embedded into the base coat on the face of the insulation board. Dryvit's highly regarded finishes (which are offered in a full spectrum of standard and custom colors with varying textures) are applied—providing the structure with a weather resistant barrier that is unmatched in quality.

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