



NYU's promise to nabe

After decades of contention with the surrounding Greenwich Village community over its expansion, New York University yesterday committed itself to a series of planning principles for future development.

"NYU is not in Greenwich Village; it is part of Greenwich Village," said Alicia Hurley, NYU's head of community affairs.

The five principles, agreed upon by a task force made up of preservationists, elected officials, school representatives and planners, address issues such as maximizing existing space, building within the historic context of the neighborhood and looking to place new buildings outside Greenwich Village.

"NYU tells us they will need 6 million additional square feet, and you can't fit that between brown-



NYU's new dorm towers over the East Village. (Kristy May)

stones," said Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, who organized the task force. "But you have here groups that have been at war with NYU, now ... working with the university."

Andrew Berman, head of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and a frequent critic of NYU expansion, called yesterday's

announcement "an incredibly strong step in the right direction."

Most encouraging, he said, is that for the first time these planning principles have been put in writing.

On Friday, amNewYork reported on how the expansion of the city's universities — including NYU — has left many of the colleges at odds with their residential neighbors. (Justin Rocket Silverman)

