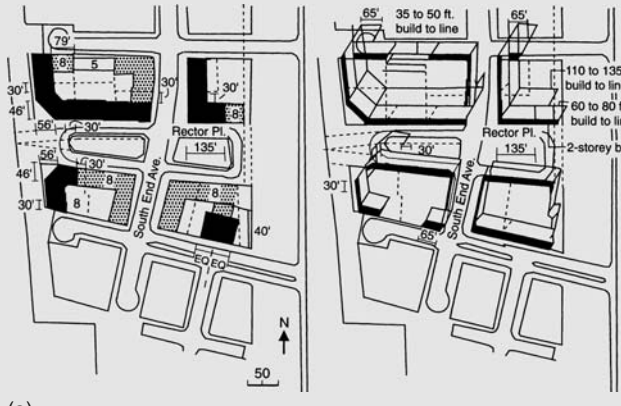

Source: Barnett (1987)

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Figure 8.35 Rector place, Battery Park City. (a) The design guidelines, (b) rector place as built and (c) the park.

location of stringcourses, that buildings should have articulated bases and cornices and specific window-to-solid-wall ratios. Each building was designed individually as can be seen in Rector Place (see Figure 8.35). The commercial space was taken up by the World Financial Center and Winter Garden (1980–3) that were designed by César Pelli as foreground elements. The esplanade was designed by Hanna–Olin a landscape architectural firm. Its hierarchy of levels has become a model for subsequent waterfront walkways. The BPCA built the public spaces to high standards to ensure a good financial return for the sites. Bonds matching long-term financing with capital funding were used to finance the infrastructure.

The implementation process was considerably less complex than that proposed for the 1969 megastructure proposal (see