DCP Community Planning Resources to Manhattan Community Boards

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Role of Department of City Planning

What we do:

• Plan for strategic growth, development and a more equitable New York City
  • Promote housing production and affordability
  • Foster economic development and coordinated investments in infrastructure and services
    • Support resilient, sustainable communities
• Develop land use policies and zoning regulations
• Assist in preparation of the City’s 10-year Capital Strategy
• Support City Planning Commission in reviewing approx. 450 land use applications per year
• Assist government agencies and the public by providing policy analysis, technical assistance and data on a variety of topics
Role of Department of City Planning

How does DCP work with Community Boards?

- Engage in ground-up neighborhood planning studies to advance rezonings and other regulatory changes
- Community Board liaisons in DCP borough offices
- Coordinate inclusive community development initiatives with stakeholders
- Provide technical assistance and access to demographic, land use, housing data and other planning information
- Support annual Statements of Community District Needs process
Goals & Objectives

Interactive presentation of DCP Planning tools and resources available to Community Boards

1. Introduce DCP’s online community planning tools
   - Community Portal
   - ZoLa
   - Census Fact Finder

2. Illustrate how DCP’s Tools can support Community Boards
   - Review land use applications
   - Identify and prioritize needs
     - service delivery and capital investments
   - Prepare CD Needs Statements
   - Support long-term planning

3. Provide overview of the Community Board’s role in the capital budget process

4. Obtain feedback from attendees on resources

Questions and feedback are encouraged!
Community Planning Resources

Community Portal
- Web portal provides tools, resources and information related to New York City’s land use, community planning and budget processes, and demographic trends

ZoLa
- Online map application provides up-to-date zoning and land use information

NYC Census FactFinder
- Online map application provides up-to-date demographic information from the 2000 and 2010 Censuses
- Web page with additional population information

✓ Info on land use projects
✓ Land use, demographic and socio-economic data for planning purposes
✓ CD Needs Statements
✓ CD Profiles
✓ Maps
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✓ Land Use & Zoning info
✓ Building information
✓ Administrative and Landmark Districts
✓ Community facility information
✓ Demographic information, e.g. for preparation of CD Needs Statement
DCP Community Portal

- A one stop repository of Community District-based information on DCP Website
- Provides access to a variety of resources, including:
  - Annual CB Statements of Community District Needs
  - Community District Profiles
  - Land use projects
  - Demographic information
  - Maps and mapping tools

Find the Community Portal here:
Inside the Community Portal

District Profile
- View your district profile

Projects and Resources
- View land use projects and proposals from your district
- Find community district resources (Statements of Community District Needs, Budget Lists of Capital Projects, etc.)

Population Data
- Find links to help you research census data about your district, block, or neighborhood
- Find the link to NYC Census FactFinder

Mapping Resources
- Find links to helpful maps and geographic information about your district
- Find the link to ZoLa (Zoning and Land Use Application)

Questions on the Community Portal?
Contact PORTAL_DL@planning.nyc.gov or your DCP Borough liaison
District Profile Page Enhancements
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Interactive Maps

**Thematic Sections**
1. The People
2. Housing
3. Land Use
4. Transportation
5. Parks and Open Space
6. Public Facilities
7. Public Safety
8. Water, Sewage and Sanitation
9. Economic Development
10. Resiliency and Sustainability

Historic trends

Infographics
ZoLa – Zoning and Land Use Application

Find ZoLa here:  [http://gis.nyc.gov/zola](http://gis.nyc.gov/zola)
Inside ZoLa

Find up-to-date zoning and land use information using the interactive map

Find detailed zoning, building, and property information

View additional information on the map such as zoning districts, boundaries for programs such as FRESH incentives, and city owned and leased properties

Link to resources at other city agencies for additional information on buildings and properties

Questions about ZoLa?
Contact zolagis@planning.nyc.gov for technical assistance
NYC Census FactFinder

Find NYC Census FactFinder here: http://maps.nyc.gov/census
Inside NYC Census FactFinder

Find population data for New York City from the 2000 and 2010 Censuses using the interactive map.

Find information on demographics and demographic change for topics such as race, sex and age, and household size.

Visit the Population Division’s web page to find detailed socioeconomic and housing data, current population estimates, population projections, and a host of demographic reports.

Questions about NYC Census FactFinder?
Contact Anna Triebwasser at atriebw@planning.nyc.gov
COMMENTS? QUESTIONS?
Capital Budget Process

Capital Budget is an important tool for implementing citywide policies and addressing community needs.

The Budget is a reflection of the City’s Strategic Priorities:

- Equity
- Growth
- Resiliency
- Sustainability
The City’s Budget Process

- **Fiscal Year Begins**: June
- **Budget process begins**: May
  - CBs prepare their Statements of Community District Needs
- **Agencies review Statements of Need**: June
- **Agencies submit budget requests to the Mayor**: July
- **Mayor drafts Capital Budget**: August
- **City Council and Mayor negotiate Budget, hold hearings**: September
- **City Council adopts Budget**: October
- **Fiscal Year Begins**: June

Key Steps:
- CBs submit budget priorities
- Borough budget consultations
- Agencies submit budget requests to the Mayor
- Negotiate Capital Budget
The Community Boards’ Role in the Budget Process

- Fiscal Year Begins in June
- Budget process begins
- Agencies review Statements of Need
- Borough budget consultations
- CBs submit budget priorities
- Mayor drafts Capital Budget
- City Council and Mayor negotiate Budget, hold hearings
- CBs respond to draft Capital Budget
- City Council adopts Budget
- Budget process for the following year begins

CBs prepare their Statements of Community District Needs
CD Needs Statements Overview

The Statements of Community District Needs …

• … are Charter-mandated

• … are the starting point and an important part of the budget process

• … help to align community needs with agency resources

• … provide a valuable resource used by a wide audience seeking information on your community district

• … are an opportunity for community boards to have their needs and priorities included in the Mayor’s Capital Budget

• … are available on DCP’s website
CD Needs Statements are the basis for developing budget requests, monitoring service delivery, and long range planning

Meaningful District Needs Statements ...

• ... present a board’s current needs assessment

• ... articulates priorities with proposed strategies and solutions

• ... are based on a broad consensus within the board

• ... are supported by up-to-date data

• ... are submitted in a timely matter
Statement of CD Needs & the Capital Budget Process

Recent Challenges

• Not all boards prepare or update Statements annually

• Quality of the Statements varies

• Integration of Statements in budget process
Improvements to this year’s CD Needs Process

• Provided more accessible data on the Community Portal

• Provided a work sheet with additional resources and guiding questions for the following ten sections:
  1. General Trends
  2. Housing
  3. Land Use
  4. Transportation
  5. Parks and Open Space
  6. Public Facilities
  7. Public Safety
  8. Water, Sewage and Sanitation
  9. Economic Development
  10. Resiliency and Sustainability

• Provided two orientation session for boards
How are CD Needs Statements Used by DCP?

- Statements were analyzed by planners and 39 categories of priorities were identified.
- Statement analysis will be used for Capital budget consultations with agencies.

Housing Subcategories
- Housing - Affordability
- Housing - Homeownership opportunities
- Housing - NYCHA improvements
- Housing - Saturation with shelters
- Housing - Senior housing
How are CD Needs Statements Used by DCP?

Main Categories
- Economic Development
- Education
- Environment
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Land Use
- Other/Local Parks
- Planning
- Public Safety
- Resiliency
- Social Services
- Traffic
- Transit
- Urban Design

Traffic Subcategories
- Traffic - Congestion
- Traffic - Parking needs
- Traffic - Safety

Transit Subcategories
- Transit - Better access / service
- Transit - Maintenance
Planned Enhancements for FY 2017

• Further updates and improvements to DCP data resources, including Community Portal, Census Fact Finder

• Refinements to CD Needs process to support CBs in preparing Statements of Need
  • Start process in spring to allow boards for more time for internal discussion and preparation
  • Easier format for submissions – sections and priorities
  • Electronic submission

• Continued engagement with Community Boards for feedback
Questions or feedback?

Contact us at CDNEEDS_DL@planning.nyc.gov

Thank You!

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