



DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

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What We Do

The Department of City Planning (DCP) promotes strategic growth, transit-oriented development and sustainable communities to enhance quality of life in the City, in part by initiating comprehensive, consensus-based planning and zoning changes for individual neighborhoods and business districts, as well as establishing policies and zoning regulations applicable citywide. It supports the City Planning Commission and each year reviews approximately 450 land use applications for actions such as zoning changes, special permits and other discretionary approvals. The Department assists both government agencies and the public by providing policy analysis and technical assistance relating to housing, transportation, community facilities, demography, waterfront and public space.

Our Services and Goals

Service 1: Shape the use and development of land in the City's neighborhoods, business districts and waterfront through participatory planning and zoning changes.

Goal 1a: Advance economic development, housing and neighborhood enhancement land use projects and proposals for public review.

Service 2: Manage land use and environmental review processes to assure consistency with applicable City policies and regulations.

Goal 2a: Ensure that discretionary land use and environmental review actions subject to City Planning Commission review are consistent with sound planning principles.

Goal 2b: Conduct timely and thorough review of land use and environmental applications.

Service 3: Prepare information and policy analysis for other government agencies, elected officials and the public.

Goal 3a: Provide quality technical and planning expertise to other City agencies and the public to support decision making.

How We Performed: July–October

- The Department completed and presented 12 projects and proposals to the public during the reporting period. The projects and proposals span two goals (1a and 3a) and include the [East Midtown Rezoning](#), a proposal which seeks to protect and strengthen East Midtown as a premier business address and key job center for the City and region. The rezoning strategy will complement the ongoing office development in Hudson Yards and Lower Manhattan and support the long term expansion of the City's overall stock of office space.
- Sixty-seven percent of the 130 land use applications referred by the Department from July to October 2012 were referred within six months of receipt, below the target of 70 percent. The median time to refer applications rose to 67 days, slightly higher than last year.
- DCP completed 46 environmental review applications compared to 61 during the same period last year. Of these applications, 85 percent were completed within six months of receipt, consistent with performance a year ago, and the median time to complete application review decreased from 13 days to 9 days.

Service 1: Shape the use and development of land in the City’s neighborhoods, business districts and waterfront through participatory planning and zoning changes.

Goal 1a: Advance economic development, housing and neighborhood enhancement land use projects and proposals for public review.

Performance Statistics	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13
Economic development and housing proposals completed and presented to the public	9	9	11	*	*	1	3
Neighborhood enhancement proposals completed and presented to the public	15	8	4	*	*	0	1

Service 2: Manage land use and environmental review processes to assure consistency with applicable City policies and regulations.

Goal 2a: Ensure that discretionary land use and environmental review actions subject to City Planning Commission review are consistent with sound planning principles.

Performance Statistics	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13
Land use applications referred	459	444	465	*	*	120	130
Environmental review applications completed	249	208	199	*	*	61	46

Goal 2b: Conduct timely and thorough review of land use and environmental applications.

Performance Statistics	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13
★ Land use applications referred - Within 6 months (%)	80%	74%	74%	70%	70%	68%	67%
★ Median time to refer land use applications (days)	28	37	43	*	45	65	67
★ Environmental review applications completed - Within 6 months (%)	61%	74%	87%	*	↑	84%	85%
★ Median time to complete environmental review applications (days)	47	39	12	*	45	13	9

Service 3: Prepare information and policy analysis for other government agencies, elected officials and the public.

Goal 3a: Provide quality technical and planning expertise to other City agencies and the public to support decision making.

Performance Statistics	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13
Planning information and policy analysis initiatives presented to the public	11	15	28	*	*	7	8

★ Critical Indicator "NA" - means Not Available in this report ↓ ↑ shows desired direction

Agency Customer Service

Performance Statistics	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY12	FY13
Customer Experience							
E-mails responded to in 14 days (%)	95%	96%	75%	85%	*	74%	71%
Letters responded to in 14 days (%)	42%	70%	52%	50%	*	40%	20%

Agency Resources

Agency Resources	Actual			September 2012 MMR	Updated		4-Month Actual	
	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY13 ¹	FY14 ¹	FY12	FY13
Expenditures (\$000,000) ²	\$26.2	\$23.7	\$22.8	\$22.7	\$24.4	\$20.6	\$7.4	\$7.6
Revenues (\$000,000)	\$2.7	\$1.7	\$2.4	\$2.7	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$1.1	\$0.7
Personnel	284	263	253	269	275	265	255	242
Overtime paid (\$000)	\$38	\$40	\$45	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$12	\$10

¹January 2013 Financial Plan
²Expenditures include all funds.

NA - Not Available in this report
January Plan figures reflect modifications in Federal, State, and other non-City funding since the adoption of the 2013 budget.

Noteworthy Changes, Additions or Deletions

- The Department removed the three indicators that reported on the number of milestones achieved for DCP-facilitated projects in Lower Manhattan, Hudson Yards and open space proposals. All major previous phases of City-initiated planning and land use review actions associated with these projects are completed and implementation is underway. Any future actions associated with these projects will be reported within existing indicators under Service 1. Additionally, DCP will no longer report data for the indicator 'Total number of projects and proposals completed and presented to the public' but will continue to provide data on the three indicators that were subsets of the total.
- The Department corrected four-month Fiscal 2012 data for the indicators 'Land use applications referred' and 'Environmental review applications completed' to reflect updated figures. As a result, the data for the measures that report on the percent of these applications completed within specific time periods and the median time to process each application type was revised as necessary.

For additional performance statistics, please visit the website at: www.nyc.gov/mmr.

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