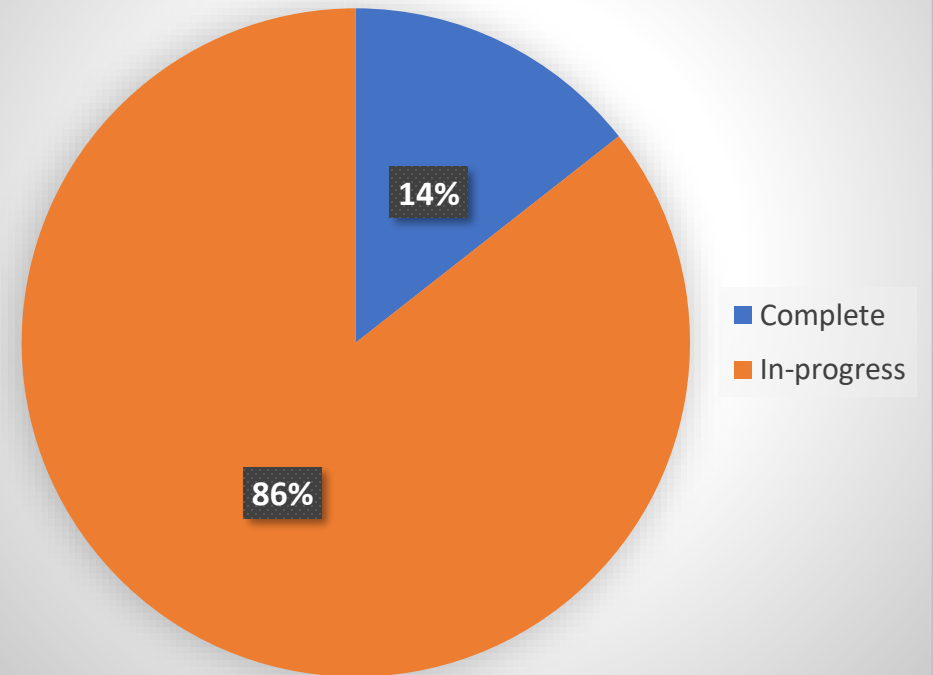




**Get Stuff Built
June 2023 Quarterly
Progress Report**

BUILD FASTER

Get Stuff Built Initiatives Q2 2023



“Get Stuff Built” Report

Goals

- Eliminate red tape to **accelerate and simplify-development approval**
- Reduce **time, cost, and complexity** of navigating government processes
- Complements "City of Yes", "New" New York panel, Housing Our Neighbors, DOB 90-day Adams' Commission, and Adams' Administration goals for increased equity

50% reduction in development approval times

- 111 reforms will result in over **\$2 billion per year in savings** and unlock **50,000 additional housing units in 10 years**.
- Bureaucratic slowdowns cost over \$5 billion annually to the industry, but disproportionately impact less-funded developers, including non-profits, M/WBEs, and smaller businesses, as well as individual homeowners.
- Levels the playing field for builders, allowing more **non-profits and MWBEs** to participate in building for NYC's future

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A REPORT OF THE BUILDING AND LAND USE APPROVAL STREAMLINING TASKFORCE



Implementation Structure

- Executive Director dedicated to implementation on-board July 2023
- On-going Interagency Bi-weekly coordination meetings allows for deep dives and coordinated efforts
- 16 Member Advisory Board established to provide feedback and communication channels with practitioners



June 2023 progress review – 16 initiatives complete

	Initiative Name	Program Summary	Workstream	Owner Agency
63	ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC FORUMS ON LAND USE	DCP will maintain and enhance a hybrid format with remote participation options for members of the public to observe or participate.	Land Use	Department of City Planning (DCP)
70	CREATE A DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR FILING APPLICATIONS FOR TAX LOT SUBDIVISIONS AND CONDOMINIUMS	DOF will digitize the filing process of RP-602 forms and prepare for its integration with the single application portal system.	Building Permitting	Department of Finance (DOF)
73	SIMPLIFY SEWER LINE INSPECTIONS	Latest NYC Building Code extends DEP's jurisdiction of the sewer/house connections beyond the property line to the building line. The City will work to speed DEP hiring to cover these new responsibilities.	Building Permitting	Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
74	IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFIED STORMWATER RULE (USWR) FOR DPR PROJECTS	DPR will hire a stormwater engineer with DEP support to assist DPR's landscape architects with USWR concept plans.	Building Permitting	Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
75	IMPROVE UNIFORM STORM WATER RULE APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS - PRIORITIZE RESUBMITTALS AND CREATE TRACKING METRICS	DEP will track process timing over the next year and commits to review data on cycle times to inform staffing planning. To reduce process timing, DEP will ensure that applicants who have to resubmit amended applications based on DEP comments will be prioritized for re-review.	Building Permitting	Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
82	LAUNCH LPC DIGITAL TOOLS	Establish photo database of images of designated buildings used in regulatory work.	Building Permitting	Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)
83	SIMPLIFY THE LPC PROCESS FOR APPROVING PROJECTS WITH AS-OF-RIGHT ZONING AND REMOVE DOB ZONING REVIEW AS A PREREQUISITE TO LPC APPROVAL	LPC will seek to simplify the process for some new buildings in historic districts for new buildings that are as-of-right. LPC will eliminate the need for DOB zoning review prior to LPC approval.	Building Permitting	Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)
84	STREAMLINE LPC/DOB HANDOFF	LPC and DOB will eliminate two letters often requested by applicants to satisfy DOB requirements. One is a "status letter," a letter that indicates whether or not a property is designated by LPC, which is requested by some applicants for demolition permits. The need for this could be addressed through maps and data. The second is a letter for energy code exemptions for buildings listed on the NYS or National Register of Historic Places.	Building Permitting	Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)

6-month progress review – 16 initiatives complete

	Initiative Name	Program Summary	Workstream	Owner Agency
85	HIRE DDC/DOB PERMITTING LIAISON	DDC will hire a project advocate to work in close coordination with DOB to handle all permitting/approvals for DDC projects.	Building Permitting	Department of Design and Construction (DDC)
89	ALLOW PDC STAFF TO CONDUCT MINOR SCOPE REVIEWS	Commission will delegate review of minor projects to staff.	Building Permitting	Public Design Commission (PDC)
90	CREATE PDC COMMISSIONER HANDBOOK	PDC will create a handbook to educate Commissioners on process, jurisdiction and project review standards to facilitate the design review cycle.	Building Permitting	Public Design Commission (PDC)
94	REMOVE UNNECESSARY ADDRESS PAPERWORK FOR ALT 1 APPLICATIONS	DOB will no longer require verification of addresses forms for Alt 1 applications where there is no change to a building entrance.	Building Permitting	Department of Buildings (DOB)
95	REVISE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NEIGHBORING BUILDING PRE-CONSTRUCTION SURVEY	DOB will move the pre-construction survey from a "Plan Approval Required Item" to a "Permit Required Item." A neighbor pre-construction survey is currently required for plan approval.	Building Permitting	Department of Buildings (DOB)
99	ESTABLISH DEDICATED EXPERTS FOR MAJOR PROJECTS	DOB will establish a program to have dedicated single points-of-contact and a dedicated team to support large, complex construction projects.	Building Permitting	Department of Buildings (DOB)
104	EXPAND AUTHORITY OF DDC CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS (CM)	DDC CMs should have authority to conduct special inspections on CM managed jobs. DDC will delegate approval and inspection authority to DDC's licensed professionals where possible.	Building Permitting	Department of Design and Construction (DDC)
110	CREATE HPD PRESERVATION DESIGN GUIDELINES AND STREAMLINE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR PRESERVATION PROJECTS	BLDS will streamline the review process for preservation projects by creating Preservation Design Guidelines that will outline the Agency's requirements for projects undergoing moderate or substantial rehabilitation and by relying on cost reviews by the entities that are financing the project rather than completing duplicative analyses.	Building Permitting	Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)

June 2023 completed initiatives metrics

82. LAUNCH LPC DIGITAL TOOLS

In the last 90 days LPC's online [photographic database](#) had:

- **551** users (total number of visitors that has used the website)
- 542 unique user visits
- **5.5K page views**

83. SIMPLIFY THE LPC PROCESS FOR APPROVING PROJECTS WITH AS-OF-RIGHT ZONING AND REMOVE DOB ZONING REVIEW AS A PREREQUISITE TO LPC APPROVAL

On February 21, 2023 LPC implemented a process change for applications for new buildings that are as-of-right (AOR) for bulk, massing, and height (per Zoning Resolution and Building Code). The process now eliminates the requirement for applicants to have DOB clear zoning objections prior to the application proceeding at LPC.

- Since the launch, approximately **30 applicants** were able to proceed faster through our public hearing process.

89. ALLOW PDC STAFF TO CONDUCT MINOR SCOPE REVIEWS

Since November 2022, following the Commission's approval of the [delegation resolution](#) on 10/11/22:

- On average, **22%** of the total projects approved during monthly review cycles are approved via PDC staff review per delegation;
- These projects are approved an average of **15.75 days faster** each monthly project review cycle; and
- PDC staff has saved submitting agencies/applicants **126 days** since this initiative was implemented on 11/7/22 (227 days ago) by providing earlier approvals per delegation to staff.

Looking ahead next quarter

- LPC Rule making for storefronts and solar installations #111
- City Of Yes Carbon Neutrality - Remove Special Permits for Energy Efficiency Projects #59
- Digitizing the City Map #55





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