

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING



WHAT WE DO

The Department of City Planning (DCP) plans for New York City's overall strategic growth and development. DCP works with communities and elected officials to build healthier, more equitable and resilient neighborhoods; develop land use policies and zoning regulations to advance the agency's strategic objectives; and, in collaboration with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), share perspectives on growth and community needs with its sister agencies, elected officials and members of the public.

DCP's work builds on New York City's greatest strengths, its unparalleled diversity and resilient spirit, and helps to ensure that investments, including private investments, benefit the city as a whole. DCP's six strategic objectives are: (1) catalyzing long-term neighborhood equity and improvement through integrated planning and targeted public investments; (2) encouraging the production of affordable and quality housing; (3) promoting economic development and job growth; (4) enhancing resiliency and sustainability of neighborhoods; (5) ensuring integrity, timeliness and responsiveness in land use reviews; and (6) supplying objective data and expertise to a broad range of planning functions and stakeholders. DCP supports the City Planning Commission (CPC) in its annual review of hundreds of land use applications and works closely with OMB in developing the City's Ten-Year Capital Strategy.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

DCP supports [Where We Live](#), the City's process to support fair housing principles and better understand and address how segregation and discrimination harm New Yorkers. Through projects that focus on affordable housing and job creation, DCP works to incentivize affordability and increased housing opportunities, and help improve the quality of life for marginalized populations.

Through [Mandatory Inclusionary Housing \(MIH\)](#) and [Zoning for Quality and Affordability \(ZQA\)](#), DCP supports [Housing New York](#), a suite of initiatives to help New Yorkers of all income levels and backgrounds find safe, affordable housing in neighborhoods throughout the city. DCP advances climate justice, neighborhood resiliency, and waterfront access through the [Comprehensive Waterfront Plan](#). It also works to improve health equity in New York City through the [Food Retail Expansion to Support Health \(FRESH\) program](#) expansion, bringing high-quality grocery stores to more lower-income neighborhoods than ever before, and the [Health and Fitness Text Amendment](#), making it easier for gyms, spas and other health-related businesses to open.

DCP strives to improve transparency through numerous digital tools that provide data, make it easier for New Yorkers to get involved in planning for their communities and connect the public to upcoming meetings. For example, DCP issued [several analyses on the 2020 Census](#), outlining details of New York City's 8.8 million-strong population and describing DCP's efforts to ensure a full and accurate count. DCP also worked with OMB and all 59 community boards on annual Statements of Community District Needs and Budget Requests, which are posted on DCP's [Community District Profiles](#), and provides training for community boards on planning principles, initiatives and more. DCP continues to use the [NYC Engage](#) portal to help New Yorkers participate in public meetings as well.

DCP is [committed](#) to aggressively tackling racism and fostering a more equitable city.

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 land use projects and proposals for public review that promote housing and affordability, economic development, sustainability and neighborhood quality of life.

SERVICE 2 Prepare information and policy analysis for the public, other government agencies and elected officials.

Goal 2a Provide quality technical and strategic planning expertise to the public, other City agencies and elected officials to support decision-making.

SERVICE 3 Manage land use and environmental review processes to facilitate public and private development citywide.

Goal 3a Conduct timely and thorough review of land use and environmental review projects, subject to City Planning Commission review, to ensure project submissions are technically complete and adhere to all applicable requirements and procedures.

HOW WE PERFORMED

- In total, DCP completed and presented 10 housing, economic development and neighborhood enhancement proposals during the first four months of Fiscal 2022 compared to 16 during the same four-month period a year ago. This decrease is largely due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the agency focusing its efforts on completing initiatives already in public review before the end of the administration.
- During the reporting period, DCP advanced housing and neighborhood enhancement proposals that would further the Department's goals of increasing equity through planning. Both the [Gowanus Neighborhood Plan](#) and [SoHo/NoHo Neighborhood Plan](#) moved forward through the public review process. These two initiatives will make room for 12,000 new homes, of which around 3,900 will be permanently affordable, and create economic opportunities for all New Yorkers in these moderate- or high-income communities, affirming that all neighborhoods—especially affluent ones—have a role to play in tackling the affordable housing crisis. The Gowanus Plan, drawing on the Neighborhood Development Fund, contained \$250 million in infrastructure commitments, such as funding for new parks, improved pedestrian conditions and significant sewer and stormwater capacity improvements, as well as an additional \$200 million for priority capital improvements to local NYCHA homes.
- Alongside DOT, DCP announced a citywide public engagement process for design rules for [Permanent Open Restaurants](#), to make sure the program, credited with saving over 100,000 restaurant jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic, is safe, accessible, and welcoming for all. DCP is also continuing its public outreach process on planning around the now funded [four new Bronx Metro-North stations](#) coming to Co-op City, Morris Park, Parkchester/Van Nest & Hunts Point.
- A key part to an equitable city is an inclusive approach to urban design. To that end, DCP launched [goodurbandesign.nyc](#), a website for New Yorkers to share ideas on how to build a public realm that's healthier, more welcoming, and more vibrant for all. The site will help city residents and workers get involved in shaping the building blocks of the city we share—a vital discussion at a time when New York City is re-envisioning the way we use public streets, sidewalks, and open spaces.
- DCP presented or publicly released 97 planning information and policy analysis initiatives during the reporting period, in line with the 109 released during the comparable reporting period in Fiscal 2021. These numbers include our now-monthly updates of [PLUTO/MapPLUTO](#) data and [Digital City Map](#) data.
- Additional planning information presented to the public includes our [Thinking Regionally](#) newsletters. The two newsletters released during this reporting period for Fiscal 2022 focused on what the 2020 Census results meant for the NYC metro region, such as how our population growth compares to other metro regions in the U.S. and a look at population demographics in the tristate area.
- In the first four months of Fiscal 2022, 90 percent of the 83 public and private applications that DCP advanced to the land use review process met their target timeframes during the reporting period, an improvement compared to 88 percent of 74 projects during the same four months a year ago. The baseline target is 70 percent.
- Certification or referral of simple zoning actions, City projects, Environmental Assessment Statement projects, Environmental Impact Statement projects, renewals and South Richmond actions all exceeded targets during the four-month reporting period. Environmental Assessment Statement projects saw the biggest improvement, increasing from 53 percent on-time in Fiscal 2021 to 74 percent on-time in Fiscal 2022. All other certification target stats were very similar to their Fiscal 2021 numbers.

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Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY21	FY22
Economic development and housing proposals completed and presented to the public	26	12	13	*	*	2	7
Neighborhood enhancement proposals completed and presented to the public	22	43	22	*	*	14	3
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

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Goal 2a Provide quality technical and strategic planning expertise to the public, other City agencies and elected officials to support decision-making.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY21	FY22
Planning information and policy analysis initiatives presented to the public	351	315	421	*	*	109	97
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

SERVICE 3 Manage land use and environmental review processes to facilitate public and private development citywide.

Goal 3a Conduct timely and thorough review of land use and environmental review projects, subject to City Planning Commission review, to ensure project submissions are technically complete and adhere to all applicable requirements and procedures.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY21	FY22
Simple zoning actions certified/referred	76	52	90	*	*	28	22
★ – Certified/referred within 12 months (%)	79%	79%	81%	70%	70%	86%	82%
★ Zoning actions with CEQR (EAS) certified/referred	NA	34	65	*	*	17	23
– Certified/referred within 15 months (%)	NA	38%	54%	70%	70%	53%	74%
★ Zoning actions with CEQR (EIS) certified/referred	NA	3	14	*	*	1	2
★ – Certified/referred within 22 months (%)	NA	33%	86%	70%	70%	100%	100%
City projects (non-zoning) certified/referred	43	41	29	*	*	11	10
★ – Certified/referred within 6 months (%)	74%	90%	90%	70%	70%	100%	100%
Renewals and South Richmond actions certified/referred	78	48	52	*	*	17	26
★ – Certified/referred within 6 months (%)	94%	88%	98%	70%	70%	100%	96%
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

AGENCY CUSTOMER SERVICE

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY21	FY22
Customer Experience							
E-mails responded to in 14 days (%)	63%	49%	66%	85%	85%	75%	61%
Letters responded to in 14 days (%)	66%	42%	100%	50%	50%	0%	100%
Completed customer requests for interpretation	15	2	4	*	*	NA	NA
CORE customer experience rating (0 - 100)	NA	98	NA	90	90	NA	NA
★ Critical Indicator ● Equity Indicator "NA" Not Available ⇅ Directional Target * None							

AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual			Sept. 2021 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY22 ¹	FY23 ¹	FY21	FY22
Expenditures (\$000,000) ²	\$40.1	\$43.0	\$38.7	\$45.0	\$281.4	\$239.0	\$21.3	\$18.8
Revenues (\$000,000)	\$2.9	\$3.1	\$5.4	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$1.2	\$0.9
Personnel	347	317	291	380	371	363	304	281
Overtime paid (\$000)	\$27	\$19	\$55	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$0	\$7

¹February 2022 Financial Plan. ²Expenditures include all funds "NA" - Not Available

SPENDING AND BUDGET INFORMATION

Where possible, the relationship between an agency's goals and its expenditures and planned resources, by budgetary unit of appropriation (UA), is shown in the 'Applicable MMR Goals' column. Each relationship is not necessarily exhaustive or exclusive. Any one goal may be connected to multiple UAs, and any UA may be connected to multiple goals.

Unit of Appropriation	Expenditures FY21 ¹ (\$000,000)	February 2022 Financial Plan FY22 ² (\$000,000)	Applicable MMR Goals ³
Personal Services - Total	\$26.3	\$30.5	
001 - Personal Services	\$24.0	\$28.0	All
003 - Geographic Systems	\$2.3	\$2.4	2a
Other Than Personal Services - Total	\$12.4	\$15.2	
002 - Other Than Personal Services	\$12.2	\$14.9	All
004 - Geographic Systems	\$0.2	\$0.3	2a
Agency Total	\$38.7	\$45.6	

¹Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2021. Includes all funds. ²Includes all funds. ³Refer to agency goals listed at front of chapter. "NA" Not Available * None

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information on items referenced in the narrative, go to:

- Where We Live
<https://wherewelive.cityofnewyork.us>
- Mandatory Inclusionary Housing
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/mih/mandatory-inclusionary-housing.page>
- Zoning for Quality and Affordability
<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/zqa/zoning-for-quality-and-affordability.page>
- Housing New York
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/about/the-housing-plan.page>
- Comprehensive Waterfront Plan
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/vision-2020-cwp/vision-2030-cwp.page>

- Food Retail Expansion to Support Health (FRESH) program
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/zoning/districts-tools/fresh-food-stores.page>
- Health and Fitness Text Amendment
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/health-and-fitness/health-and-fitness-overview.page>
- 2020 Census Results for New York City
https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/planning-level/nyc-population/census2020/dcp_2020-census-briefing-booklet-1.pdf?r=3
- Community District Profiles
<https://communityprofiles.planning.nyc.gov/>
- NYC Engage
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycengage/index.page>
- DCP Statement of Equity
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/about/eo-diversity-statement.page>
- Gowanus Neighborhood Plan
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/gowanus/gowanus.page>
- SoHo/NoHo Neighborhood Plan
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/soho-noho/soho-noho-overview.page>
- Permanent Open Restaurants
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/open-restaurants/open-restaurants-overview.page>
- Bronx Metro-North Station Area Study
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/bronx-metro-north/bronx-metro-north.page>
- Goodurbanedesign.nyc
<https://www.goodurbanedesign.nyc/>
- PLUTO/MapPLUTO
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/data-maps/open-data/dwn-pluto-mappluto.page>
- Digital City Map
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/data-maps/open-data/dwn-digital-city-map.page>
- NYC Thinking Regionally
<https://us8.campaign-archive.com/?u=66416d8ec25efe8a8a82a9945&id=c4c0ed2c87>

For more information on the agency, please visit: www.nyc.gov/dcp.