

city of yes

for Housing Opportunity



Transit-oriented Development

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is a plan to tackle our housing shortage by making it possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood. Together, we can make our city more affordable without dramatic changes in any one community.

An important part of this plan is re-legalizing modest apartment buildings near public transit.

How it works

Many modest apartment buildings already exist in lower-density areas of the five boroughs, most of them built between the 1920s and 1950s. However, **current zoning bans new ones** despite the housing shortage and climate change.

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity would re-legalize modest 3-5 story apartment buildings like these where they fit best: large lots on wide streets or corners within a half mile of subway or rail stations.



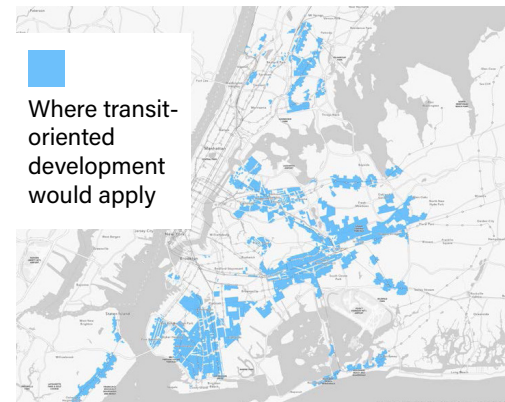
Wakefield, Bronx



Woodhaven, Queens



Saint George, Staten Island



Where transit-oriented development would apply

Adding buildings like these would help address our housing shortage without disrupting neighborhood character, and provide people with easier access to public transportation.

What comes next

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity will enter public review in spring of 2024, receiving input from community boards and borough presidents before going to the City Planning Commission for a vote. If passed, it is anticipated to come for a vote before the City Council by the end of the calendar year.

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