

city of yes for housing opportunity



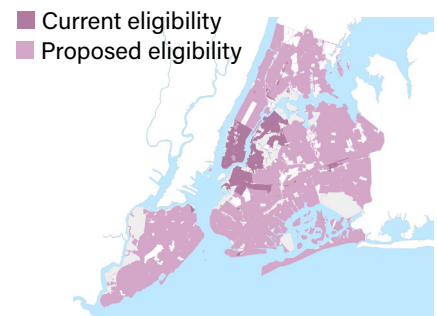
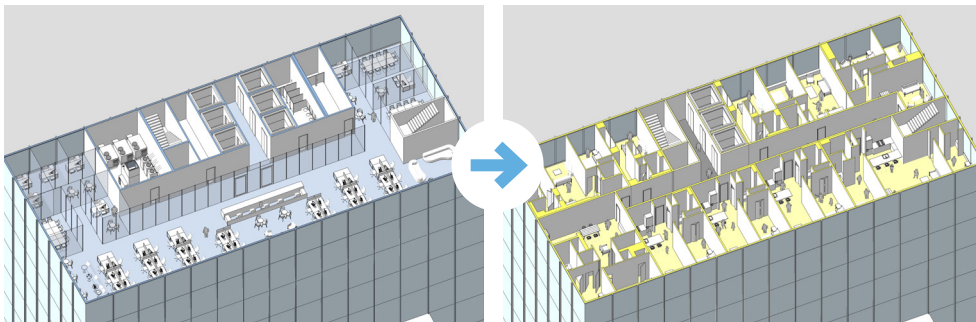
Convert Offices and Other Buildings to Housing

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 turning underused, non-residential space into homes.**

How it works

Today, **outdated rules prevent underused, non-residential buildings like offices from converting to housing.** For example, many buildings constructed after 1961, or outside the city's largest office centers, cannot become housing.

***City of Yes for Housing Opportunity* would allow conversions for buildings constructed before 1991 and expand eligibility to anywhere residential uses are allowed.** It would also allow non-residential buildings to convert to more housing types, like supportive housing, dorms, or shared housing with common amenities.



This change would breathe new life into office districts and help address our housing shortage!

What comes next

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity began public review in April 2024. Community boards and borough presidents provided input and the City Planning Commission (CPC) held a public hearing. In September, the CPC voted to approve the proposal. Now, it goes to the City Council for a final vote before the end of the year.

Learn more, get involved



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