

city of yes

for Housing Opportunity



Convert Offices and Other Buildings to Housing

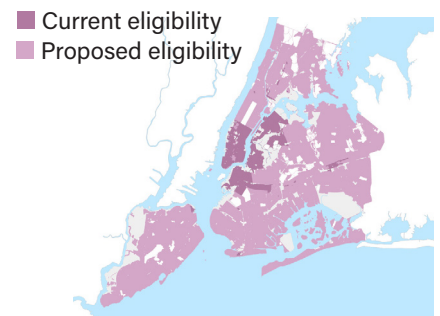
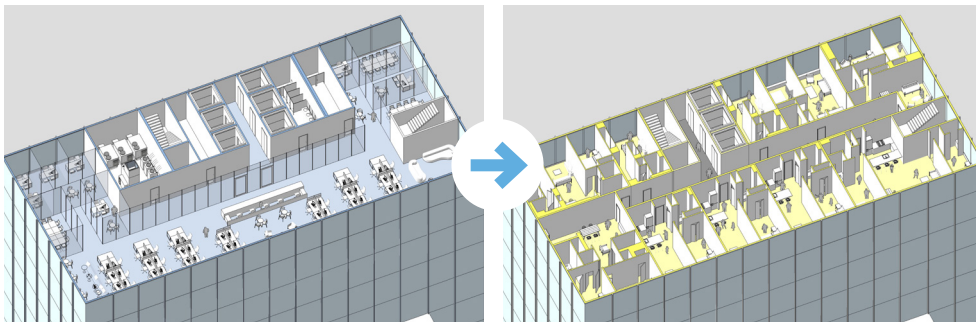
City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is a plan to tackle our housing shortage by making it possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood. Together, we can make our city more affordable without dramatic changes in any one community.

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Today, outdated rules prevent underused, non-residential buildings like offices from converting to housing.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 is now in public review, and receiving input from community boards and borough presidents. It will then go 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 2024.

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