

DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

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WHAT WE DO

The Department of City Planning (DCP) plans for the strategic growth and development of the City through ground-up planning with communities, the development of land use policies and zoning regulations applicable citywide and its contribution to the preparation of the City's 10-year Capital Strategy. DCP promotes housing production and affordability, fosters economic development and coordinated investments in infrastructure and services, and supports resilient, sustainable communities across the five boroughs for a more equitable New York City.

In addition, DCP supports the City Planning Commission in its annual review of land use applications for a variety of discretionary approvals. The Department also assists both government agencies and the public by advising on strategic and capital planning and providing policy analysis, technical assistance and data relating to housing, transportation, community facilities, demography, zoning, urban design, waterfront areas and public open space.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

DCP promotes housing production and affordability, fosters economic development and coordinated investments in infrastructure and services, and supports resilient, sustainable communities across the five boroughs for a more equitable New York City. DCP's contributions toward development of the 10-year Capital Strategy will ensure investments in New York City's neighborhoods align strategic planning priorities with community needs. Under Housing New York: A Five-Borough, Ten-Year Plan, the Department will lead coordinated, neighborhood-based planning studies and is advancing regulatory changes — including mandatory inclusionary housing in newly rezoned areas and zoning changes for quality and affordability. These initiatives will remove barriers that constrain housing production and raise costs, encourage better quality buildings, reduce parking requirements, promote affordable senior housing and support more economically diverse communities and housing opportunities for New Yorkers at all income levels. Through inclusive community development initiatives with public and private stakeholders, DCP will expand access to quality jobs and services, and stimulate economic development benefitting all New Yorkers. In addition, DCP is committed to expanding public access to land use, housing and population data and planning resources through its online Community Portal, as well as supporting informed participation by New Yorkers in neighborhood planning and land use review processes.

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

- During this reporting period DCP advanced and publicly presented 57 projects, datasets, proposals and initiatives spanning two goals (1a and 2a), an increase from 43 over the same period in Fiscal 2015.
- In August 2015 the Department launched a major update to its online [New York City Census FactFinder](#) tool. The tool provides socioeconomic and housing data for custom New York City areas based on the latest US Census Bureau's American Community Survey data.
- In support of Housing New York: A Five Borough, Ten-Year Plan, the Department advanced two major zoning text changes, [Mandatory Inclusionary Housing](#) (MIH) and [Zoning for Quality and Affordability](#) (ZQA), for public review in September 2015. MIH would require permanent affordability in new major zoning actions. ZQA would promote better buildings and architectural quality while reducing costs of building affordable and senior housing.
- In total, 67 percent of the 61 projects DCP advanced to the land use review process met their target timeframes during the July to October 2015 reporting period compared to 61 percent of 78 projects during the same four-months a year ago. The baseline target is 70 percent.
- The percent of simple zoning actions certified/referred within 12 months declined from 75 percent to 43 percent and the percent of complex zoning actions certified/referred within 15 months fell by two percentage points to 58 percent.
- All City projects (non-zoning) were certified/referred within six months, up from 43 percent, and the percent of renewals and natural area approvals certified/referred improved from 63 percent to 65 percent.

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Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Economic development and housing proposals completed and presented to the public	16	10	29	*	*	8	12
Neighborhood enhancement proposals completed and presented to the public	13	8	30	*	*	9	2

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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.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Planning information and policy analysis initiatives presented to the public	NA	87	85	*	*	26	43

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

Goal 3a

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Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Zoning actions (simple) certified/referred	NA	41	60	*	*	8	7
★ - Certified/referred within 12 months (%)	NA	93%	72%	70%	70%	75%	43%
Zoning actions (complex) certified/referred	NA	38	40	*	*	15	12
★ - Certified/referred within 15 months (%)	NA	68%	63%	70%	70%	60%	58%
City projects (non-zoning) certified/referred	NA	62	47	*	*	7	11
★ - Certified/referred within 6 months (%)	NA	87%	70%	70%	70%	43%	100%
Renewals and natural area approvals certified/referred	NA	133	117	*	*	48	31
★ - Certified/referred within 6 months (%)	NA	73%	63%	70%	70%	63%	65%

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AGENCY CUSTOMER SERVICE

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Customer Experience							
E-mails responded to in 14 days (%)	81%	87%	90%	85%	85%	88%	70%
Letters responded to in 14 days (%)	44%	44%	64%	50%	50%	29%	90%
Completed customer requests for interpretation	4	1	2	*	*	NA	NA
CORE customer experience rating (0 - 100)	88	89	92	80	80	NA	NA

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AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators	Actual			Sept. 2015 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY16 ¹	FY17 ¹	FY15	FY16
Expenditures (\$000,000) ²	\$20.9	\$20.6	\$24.7	\$38.1	\$42.2	\$41.5	\$7.8	\$10.5
Revenues (\$000,000)	\$3.5	\$3.6	\$1.6	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$2.1	\$0.5	\$1.3
Personnel	256	256	274	352	354	372	267	284
Overtime paid (\$000)	\$56	\$55	\$47	\$9	\$29	\$29	\$17	\$20

¹January 2016 Financial Plan

²Expenditures include all funds

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NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

- DCP updated four-month Fiscal 2015 data for the number of complex zoning actions and City projects, the percent of these certified/referred within the respective timeframes, as well as the percent of renewals and natural area approvals certified/referred and the percent of emails responded to in 14 days. Adjustments were minor with the exception of the percent of City projects certified/referred within 6 months, which was revised from 83 percent to 43 percent to reflect corrected start dates of four projects.

- Due to a data entry lag, the certification date of one zoning action (simple) occurring in Fiscal 2016 was incorrectly counted in Fiscal 2015. DCP has corrected the number and the associated percentage of projects certified/referred within 12 months.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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

- Mandatory Inclusionary Housing
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/housing/mandatory-inclusionary-housing-summary.shtml>
- Zoning for Quality and Affordability
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/zoning-qa/zoning-for-affordability-1.shtml>
- New York City Census FactFinder
<http://maps.nyc.gov/census/>

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