

NYC Interagency Affordable Housing Review*

*Not scaled to time, for illustrative purposes only.

**EDC to be lead agency to coordinate the PDC review process, unless otherwise noted.

***HPD review required on all affordable housing projects receiving City subsidies, loans, or incentives.

The NYC Public Design Commission (PDC) is New York City's regulatory design agency, established by City charter in 1898. The PDC has jurisdiction over City-owned property, and reviews the design of permanent works of architecture, landscape architecture, and art. PDC does not have jurisdiction over authorities, such as NYCSCA (the New York City School Construction Authority) and NYCHA (the New York City Housing Authority).

Historically, affordable housing developed independently of NYCHA has been developed through disposition (sold) to developers. However, the City also develops housing through a land-lease development model, maintaining ownership of the land, meaning that these additional developments are subject to PDC review.

In order to streamline City-agency processes, PDC has collaborated with partner agencies to develop a system for coordinated interagency review. The intent is that timely and synchronized joint reviews, along with open channels of communication between the City agencies and design teams, will lead to improved design and ultimately expedite the review process.

