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**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING'S REVAMPED WEBSITE GOES LIVE**

Today the Department of City Planning launched a new, completely redesigned website at [www.nyc.gov/planning](http://www.nyc.gov/planning). The website is rich with extensive resources, is graphically stunning and features new web technologies, more information, access to more studies on-line, and new search capabilities all upgraded to provide remarkably smooth navigation.

Amanda M. Burden, Director of the Department of City Planning said "City Planning has such a wealth of important information for New York City, from population statistics and strategic planning studies to the repository for all of New York City's zoning maps. It is crucial that this information be easily accessible by everyone. I am excited to present City Planning's redesigned website as a resource to the City and planners and citizens all over the world".

In addition to its new streamlined look, City Planning's new website now has the following features:

- Comprehensive City Planning Commission Information including access to agenda items for City Planning Commission Review Sessions and Public Hearings; disposition sheets listing all Commission votes by application number; and notice of upcoming presentations to the Commission.
- New Zoning Desk Web Form saves time by allowing users to send zoning questions directly to City Planning staff through the website, as an alternative to the Zoning Help Desk Hotline and personal visits to the Department.
- More links to other agency and planning related sites
- Improved navigation within the website designed for easier access to the wide range of content available. This includes a grouping of content into just a few major categories, roll-over menus on every page, a readily available new search utility, and a site map that clearly lists all of the major sections on the website.
- Existing Features are improved including access to population data, land use and zoning maps, continually updated press releases, as well as information about City Planning Commissioners.

Improvements to the website demonstrate City Planning's continuing commitment to utilizing the newest web technologies to present its services and information to the public. Previous special features displayed on the website include the "Malcom X Boulevard Virtual Tour", and "Neighborhood Maps/Community District Profiles". The Malcom X Boulevard Virtual Tour uses Flash technology that allows the public to virtually 'walk' through this neighborhood in Harlem, stopping at certain points for a panoramic view, made possible by Quick Time and to visit important historical, cultural and architectural landmarks. The City of Neighborhood Map and the Community District Profiles provide the public with maps of land use and neighborhood names along with statistical profiles of vital statistics and census data for each of the city's 59 community districts.

These featured attractions remain available to web users on the redesigned site.

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**About City Planning**

The Department of City Planning is responsible for the City's physical and socioeconomic planning, including land use and environmental review; preparation of plans and policies; and provision of technical assistance and planning information to government agencies, public officials, and community boards.