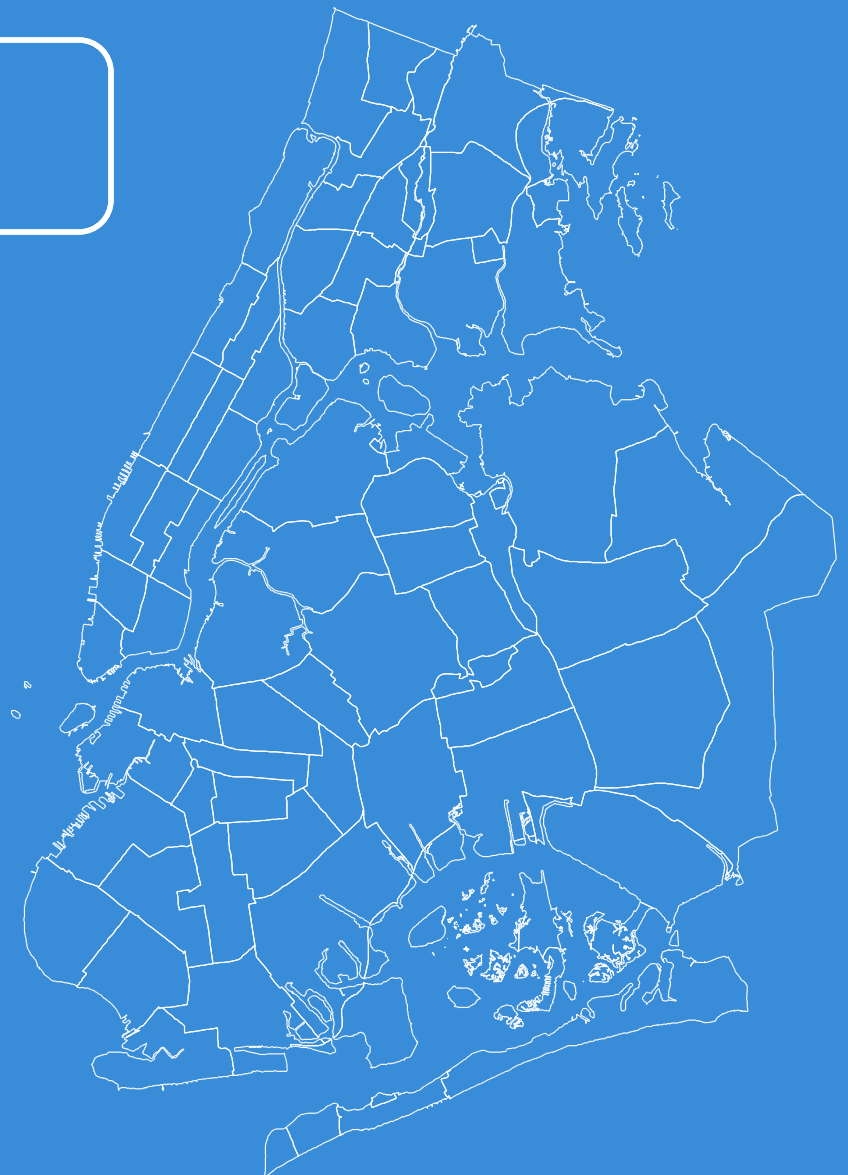


197-a Plan Process



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Agenda



- I. 197-a Plan Overview
- II. 197-a Plan Review Process
- III. Threshold Review and Determination

197-a Plan Overview



- Section 197-a of the City Charter authorizes plans for the improvement of the city, its boroughs and communities.
- In 1991, the City Planning Commission adopted *Rules for the Processing of Plans Pursuant to Charter Section 197-a*, establishing standards, procedures and timeline for the 197-a process.
- Once approved by the Commission and adopted by the City Council, 197-a plans guide future actions of city agencies in the areas addressed in the plans.
- Specific recommendations are implemented through ULURP or other regulatory processes.

197-a Plan Overview



Who can Sponsor a 197-a Plan?

- Community Boards
- Borough Boards
- Borough President
- Department of City Planning (DCP)
- The City Planning Commission (CPC)
- The Mayor

197-a Plan Overview



Since 1992, 13 plans have been adopted

Examples:

1. *New Connections / New Opportunities: Sunset Park Waterfront* (Dec. 2009)
2. *Plan for Eastern Section of Manhattan CB 6* (Mar. 2008)
3. *Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights* (Dec. 2007)
4. *Comprehensive Manhattan Waterfront Plan* (Dec. 1997)
5. *Stuyvesant Cove Plan* (Mar. 1997)
6. *Partnership for the Future: A Plan for the Revitalization of Bronx CD 3* (Nov. 1992)

Citywide:

New Waterfront Revitalization Program (1982 and 1999)



197-a Plan Overview



What is the Department of City Planning's Role?

- Provide technical assistance and information on plan content
- Review draft plan for consistency with city policies, and guidance on public review process
- Conduct Environmental Review
- For agency-sponsored plans, the Department drafts, conducts reviews and supports extensive public outreach



197-a Plan Process



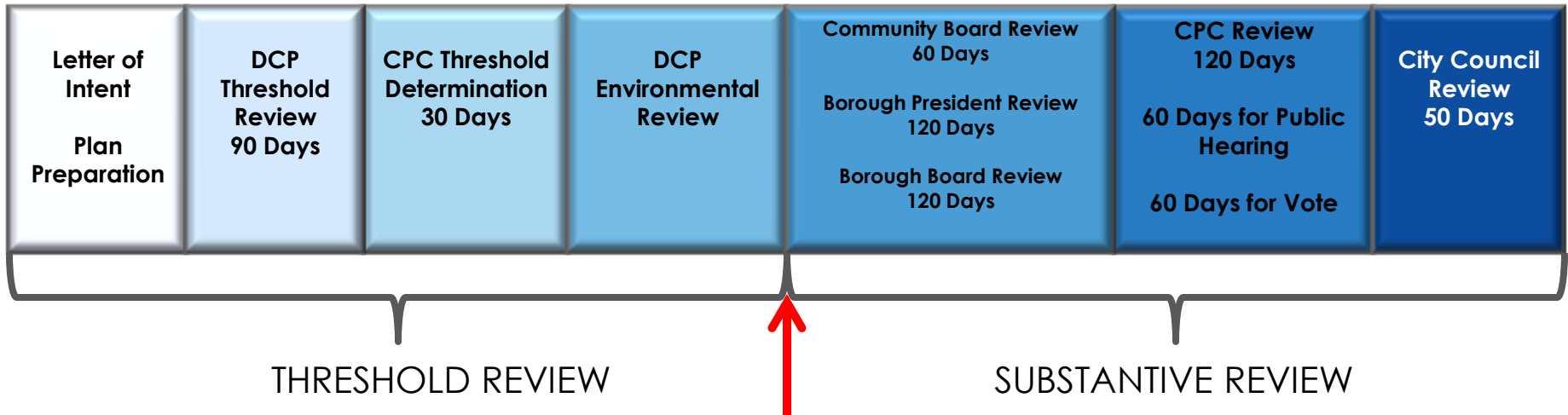
197-a Process for the Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP)

- The *Waterfront Revitalization Program* was originally adopted in 1982 and was later revised and approved in 1999, both pursuant to Section 197-a of the City Charter.
- As in 1999, the *197-a Plan* review process is being used to revise the City's WRP.
- The 197-a process will be used as a means for facilitating public review of the WRP revisions that will result in an updated program.



197-a Plan Process

1. Letter of Intent/Plan Preparation
2. Plan Submission
3. Threshold Review & and Revisions to Meet Threshold Standards
4. Threshold Determination
5. Environmental Review & Determination
6. Community/Borough Board Review
7. City Planning Commission Substantive Review
8. City Council Review
9. Distribution of Adopted Plan



Threshold Review and Determination



The Commission shall determine whether the proposed plan is of appropriate form, sufficient content, and in accordance with sound planning policy.

The WRP has been evaluated against Threshold Standards for form and content, which are intended to:

- Encourage coherent presentation of conditions, objectives and recommendations;
- Ensure that decision makers have sufficient information to evaluate the merits of the plan;
- Promote public participation in the preparation of the plan; and,
- Encourage consideration of related plans and policies and early consultation with agencies responsible for implementing elements of the plan.