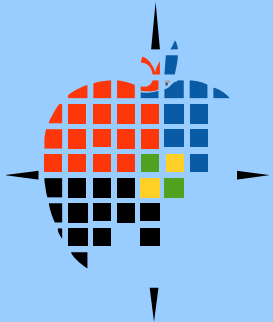


The 197-a Plan Process

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Community Board 8, Borough of Manhattan

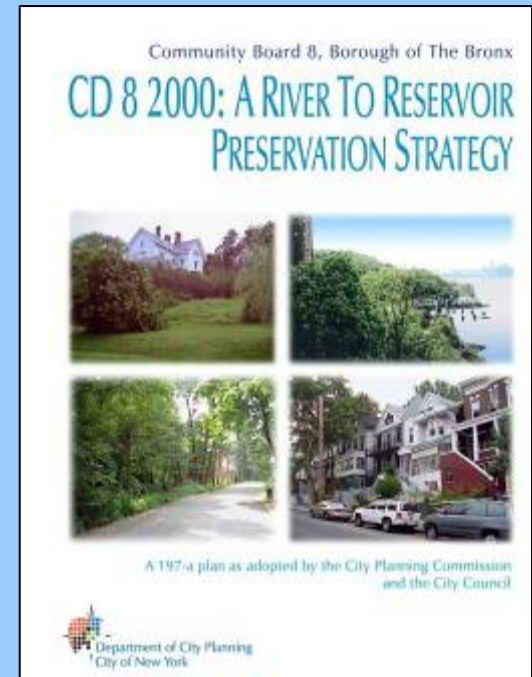
197-A PLAN
FOR THE
QUEENSBORO BRIDGE AREA

A 197-a plan as adopted by the City Planning Commission
and the City Council

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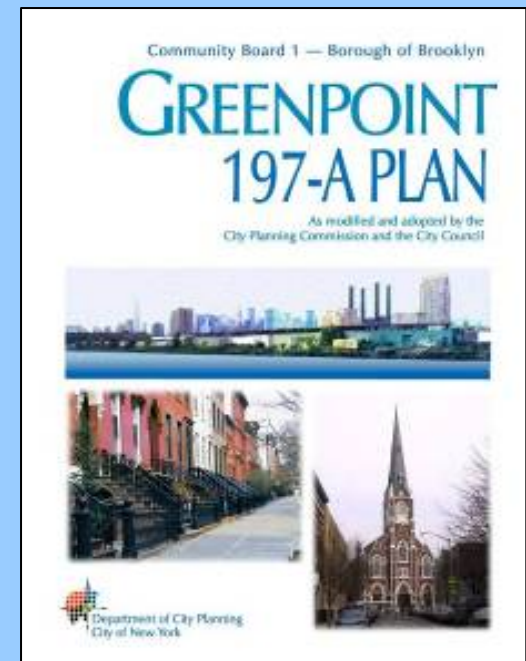
What is a 197-a Plan?

- Section 197-a of the City Charter authorizes plans for the improvement of the city, its boroughs and communities.
- Adopted 197-a plans provide guidance for future actions of city agencies in the areas addressed.



Who may sponsor a 197-a plan?

- Community Boards
- Borough Boards
- Borough Presidents
- DCP
- The City Planning Commission
- The Mayor



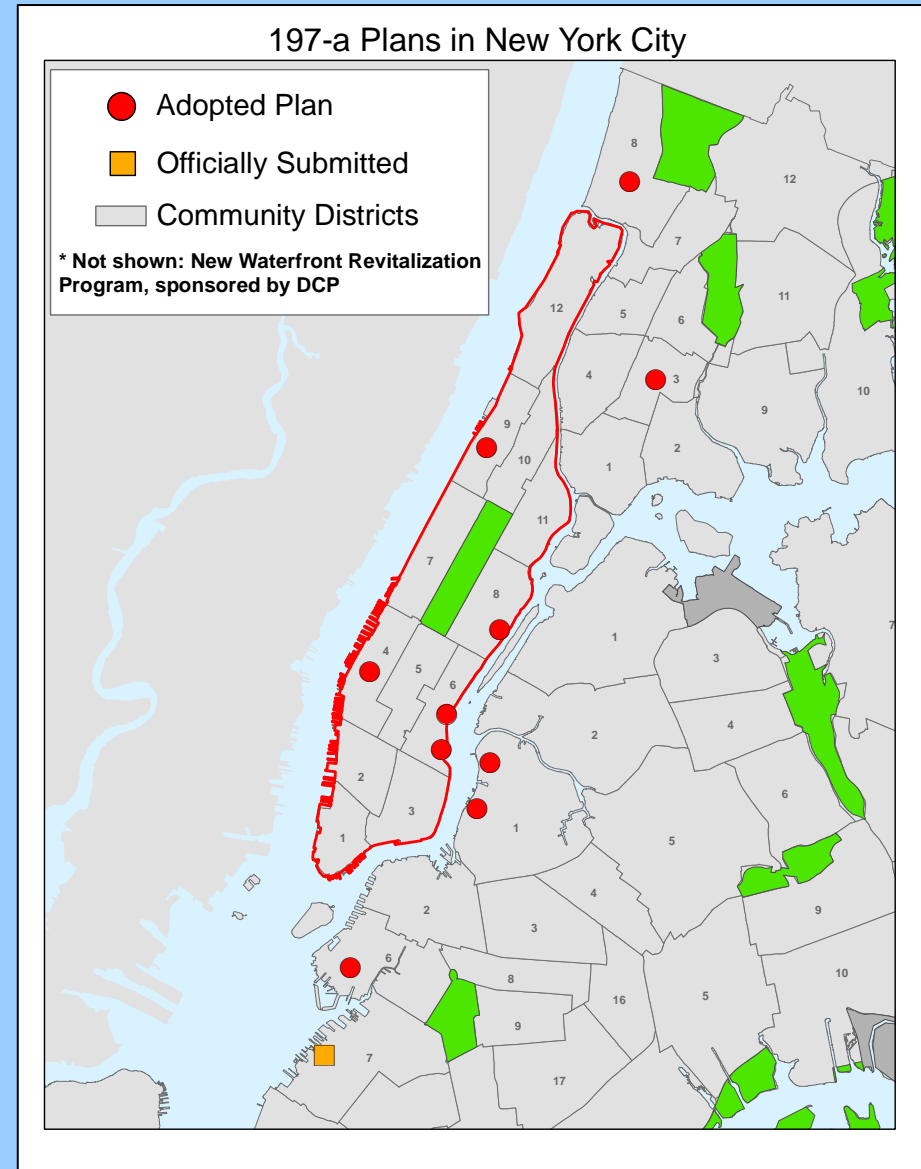
The Importance of 197-a Plans

- Sets forth a community's shared vision for its neighborhoods
- Promotes consensus-building among various local groups
- Encourages dialogue between the community and city agencies
- Can set the stage for shifts in city policy



How many plans have been adopted and submitted?

- Since 1992, twelve plans have been adopted; one was withdrawn and one was disapproved.
- In April 2008, Brooklyn Community Board 7 submitted a plan that is currently under review.



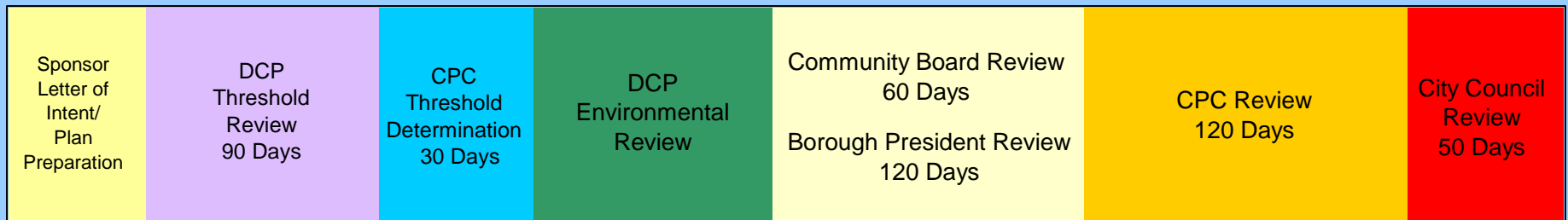
Department of City Planning's Role

- Provides technical assistance and information on land use, demographics, housing and community facilities
- Reviews community-based planning options to help community decide whether a 197-a plan is appropriate
- Provides guidance on review process and plan content to address issues identified
- Reviews draft plan before submission to advise on threshold issues and potential policy concerns



Steps in Review Process

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



How does a plan meet threshold standards?

Form and Content

- Clear language and coherent form
- Documents problems and justifies for recommendations
- Documents public participation

Sound Planning Policy

- Considers long-range consequences, including impact on economic and housing opportunities
- Shows understanding of fiscal and practical feasibility of implementing proposals
- Goals and recommendations are within the legal authority of the city to undertake
- Documents consultations with city or state agencies



Threshold Review

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Threshold Determination



If meets threshold standards, then environmental review

If DCP requests revisions

If board submits revisions



If CPC requests revisions OR

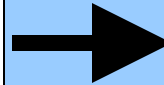
Meets threshold standards, but review may need to be coordinated with related plans



Environmental Review

Public Review And Recommendations

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Community Board

Public Hearing
60 Days



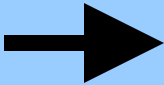
Borough President

Public Hearing
120 Days



Borough Board

Public Hearing
120 Days



Commission Substantive Review

includes public hearing



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CPC
approves
or
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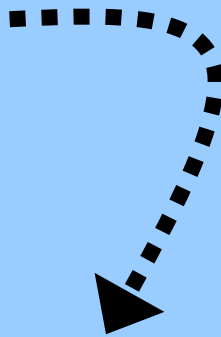
CPC
disapproves
197-a plan
END

City Council Review

includes public hearing



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City Council
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197-a plan
END

Distribution of Adopted Plan



Adopted 197-a Plan
provides guidance
for future actions
of city agencies
END

Implementation of Adopted 197-a Plans

- Sponsors need to monitor agency implementation of plan recommendations.
- DCP continues to work with the plan's sponsors to carry out plan recommendations, particularly those related to proposed rezonings.

