

OVERVIEW

PLUTO is created using the best available data from a number of city agencies. To further improve data quality, the Department of City Planning (DCP) applies changes to selected field values. DCPEdited is set to “1” in PLUTO if the record contains any changed values.

DATA DICTIONARY

BBL – A concatenation of the borough code, tax block and tax lot

FIELD – Name of the PLUTO field being changed

OLD_VALUE – The original value of the field

NEW_VALUE – The changed value of the field

TYPE – Flag indicating the type of change

Type	Name	Description
1	Programmatic	Changes that are applied programmatically to each new version of PLUTO. For example, if lot area is zero in DOF's Property Tax System, PLUTO uses the area of the tax lot's geometric shape.
2	Research	Changes resulting from DCP research that are stored in PLUTO input research.csv . Each row in this file contains a change needed for a particular BBL and field. The change will be applied for each new version unless the original value of the field changes.
3	User reported	Errors reported by users. These are verified by DCP and stored in PLUTO input research.csv .

REASON – The reason the field value was changed. See Appendix for valid values for programmatic and research changes. For user reported changes, the reason states the field that was wrong, e.g. “Lot area wrong”.

VERSION – For programmatic changes, this is version in which the programmatic change was implemented. For research and user reported changes, this is the version in which the BBL change was added to [PLUTO input research.csv](#).

APPENDIX

Type	Reason	Description
Programmatic	Zero lot area	Lot area in the Department of Finance's Property Tax System is zero. Field has been changed to show the area of the tax lot's geometric shape in the Digital Tax Map.
Programmatic	Normalized owner name	For publicly owned tax lots, owner names have been normalized. For example, "NYC PARKS", "PARKS DEPARTMENT", and "PARKS AND RECREATION (GENERAL)" have been changed to "NYC DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION".
Research	LPC year built	YearBuilt for ~26,000 buildings has been changed to the date_high value from Landmarks Preservation Commission's Individual Landmark and Historic District Building Database .