

City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality



In June 2022, Mayor Eric Adams announced his Administration would reform the City's Zoning Resolution to facilitate the City's transition toward cleaner energy, transportation, buildings, and waste systems. The Department of City Planning proposed a comprehensive zoning text amendment, referred to as City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality.

The City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality allows for the siting of energy storage systems in a wider array of zoning districts, with more flexible rules regarding yards and permitted obstructions, paving the way for NYC and State to meet its clean energy and energy storage goals.

City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality was enacted into law by the City Council on December 6, 2023.

Summary of NineDot's Public Comments

NineDot was supportive of the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality. These zoning changes have already expanded and expedited the City's efforts to decarbonize by retrofitting buildings, promoting clean energy uses across multiple zoning districts, and facilitating deployment of electric vehicles and associated charging infrastructure.

Resources

- NineDot Comments on COY
- "How can changes to zoning help NYC meet its climate goals?"
 NDE + Urban Green Council Presentation
- Department of City Planning Press Release
- City of Yes for Climate Neutrality Text Amendment

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