

city of yes for housing opportunity

Height-Limited, Contextual Infill

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity is a plan to tackle our housing shortage by making it possible to build a little more housing in every neighborhood. Together, we can make our city more affordable without dramatic changes in any one community.

An important part of this plan is to make it easier for large lots with unused space, like campuses, to add new, height-limited housing.

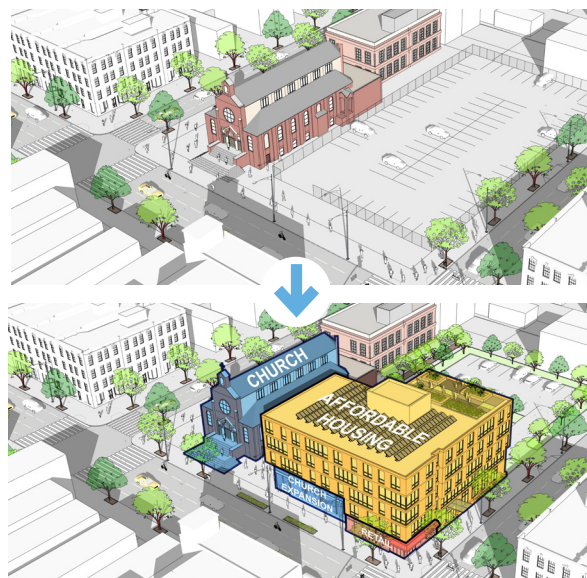
How it works

Across NYC, many campuses, including churches, have underused space that they could turn into housing, if arbitrary zoning rules didn't get in the way.

For instance, if existing buildings are too tall or too far back from the street, zoning prohibits new developments on the property – even if they would comply with current height limits and other regulations.

Where housing is allowed, outdated zoning requires tall and skinny buildings that are out of context with their surroundings.

By removing obstacles and streamlining outdated rules, *City of Yes for Housing Opportunity* would make it easier for campuses to add contextual, height-limited buildings. These new buildings could bring money for repairs, new facilities, and housing!



There are many types of campuses, including churches, private residential co-ops, campuses and schools. NYCHA campuses are not included in City of Yes.

What comes next

City of Yes for Housing Opportunity began public review in April 2024. Community boards and borough presidents provided input and the City Planning Commission (CPC) held a public hearing. In September, the CPC voted to approve the proposal. Now, it goes to the City Council for a final vote before the end of the year.

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