

The Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice Celebrates Significant "PlaNYC" Progress



It's been a year since the Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice (MOCEJ) released *PlaNYC: Getting Sustainability Done*, the first climate plan of the Adams administration and the fifth in the city's history. In that time, MOCEJ has achieved many of its goals and sub-goals.

First-year wins include:

- Launch of *Getting 97 Done*, a comprehensive plan to reduce carbon emissions from the city's large buildings;
- Enactment of *City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality*, a zoning text amendment that will make it easier for buildings to decarbonize and for the city to meet its climate goals;
- Release of *PowerUp NYC*, the city's first long-term energy plan;
- A record number of trees planted in a fiscal year to protect New Yorkers from extreme heat;
- Establishment of the Bureau of Coastal Resilience, headed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), to coordinate resilience planning;
- New York State's passage of an expanded and extended solar and storage property tax abatement for New York City residents.

HEAR how NYC's youngest residents are addressing the impacts of climate change in their school.

MEET Laurian Farrell, New York City's first ever Deputy Commissioner for Coastal Resilience, and learn more about her office – NYC's 520 miles of coastline.

SEE how the city is making major strides on cleaner, greener, and safer streets.

Other first-year accomplishments include:

PROTECTING US FROM CLIMATE THREATS

Buildings

We will improve building-level greenhouse gas emissions, air quality and resilience.

- Launched “97 in Your District” events with City Council members
- Announced plans to turn a city-owned parking lot in Mott Haven into affordable, all-electric apartments
- Launched the New York City Mass Timber Studio
- Joined the C40 Clean Construction Accelerator, committing all new building construction and major retrofits by the city’s capital agencies to reduce embodied carbon 50% by 2030

Mayor Adams announcing that New York City will sign onto C40 Clean Construction Accelerator



Clean & Reliable Energy

We will achieve a clean, reliable and equitable energy future.

- Installed 25 new solar PV projects, bringing the total capacity to 24 MW on city roofs
- Installed four new battery storage projects with a total installed capacity of 53 kW
- Construction is underway for the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) – a transmission line expected to deliver 1,250 MW of low-cost renewable power directly to the New York Metro area by spring 2026

*Installation of solar panels at the Charleston Branch Library on Staten Island
Source: DCAS*



Flooding

We will prepare and protect New Yorkers from the risks of current and future flooding.

- Reopened the second public portion of East Side Coastal Resiliency: Stuyvesant Cove Park
- Broke ground and completed construction on the first Raise Shorelines project in New York City
- Completed the New Creek Bluebelt expansion on Staten Island
- Launched “Rainproof NYC”
- Kicked off the Jewel Streets Neighborhood Plan on the Brooklyn/Queens border to deliver quality of life improvements — including infrastructure improvements to alleviate flooding



\$48 million upgrade for the Staten Island Bluebelt expansion



*Stuyvesant Cove Park
Source: NYC DDC*

IMPROVING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Green Space

We will increase access to quality green spaces for all New Yorkers and restore forested areas citywide.



- Launched an expansion of our greenways that will build more than 40 miles of new greenways in The Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island
- Announced the New York City Forested Natural Areas Care and Job Training Program

Mayor Adams introducing the NYC Greenway Expansion



Food

We will reduce carbon emissions from NYC's food system.

- Introduced the city's first consumption-based emissions inventory
- Launched the private-sector Plant-Powered Carbon Challenge, with leading New York City-based institutions committing to cutting their food-related carbon emissions

Announced cross-sector partnership committed to reducing food-related carbon emissions by 25% by 2030

Waterways

We will improve the health and ecological function of NYC's waterways.

- Expanded the city's Green Infrastructure Program
- Working to end the discharge of untreated sewage into the New York Harbor
- Completed wetland restoration at Hook Creek Park in Queens
- Opened new extreme weather playgrounds in Manhattan and Brooklyn that save almost two million gallons of stormwater a year



*New Beach 108 Street bike path in the Rockaways
Source: NYC DDC*



*Opening of green schoolyard at PS38K in Brooklyn
Source: DEP*

BUILDING THE GREEN ECONOMIC ENGINE

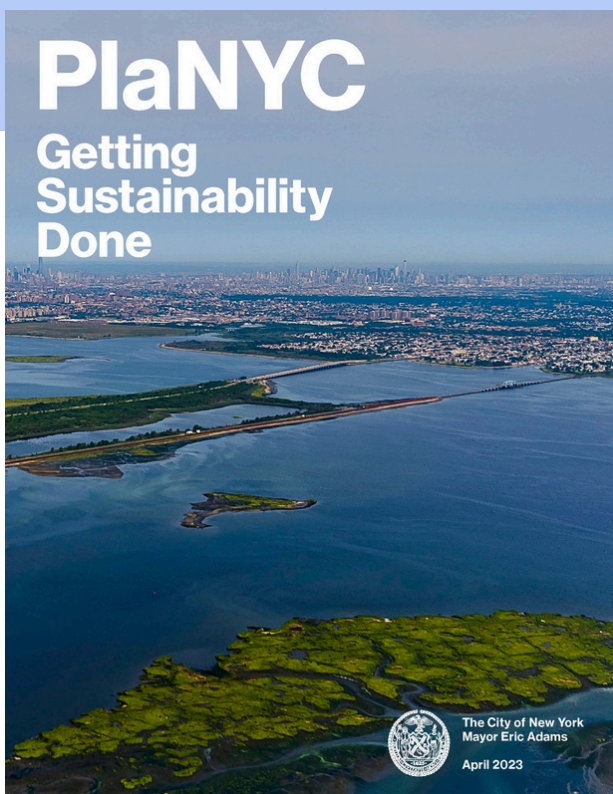
Green Economy

We will accelerate an equitable green economy transition by advancing climate education, work, and entrepreneurship opportunities.

- Launched the Green Economy Action Plan
- Selected Stony Brook University to anchor the future Center for Climate Solutions on Governors Island
- Launched the first-in-the-nation \$20 million center for sustainability-focused biotech at the Brooklyn Navy Yard to make New York City the global center of sustainable technology



Launch of the Center for Climate Solutions initiative on Governors Island



With a focus on equity and environmental justice, *PlaNYC: Getting Sustainability Done* includes numerous goals and actions to protect New Yorkers from climate threats, improve quality of life, and build the green economic engine.

Read the [report](#).