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New York City’s Voluntary Local Review
of the Sustainable Development Goals

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One New York
The Plan for a Strong and Just City

4 Pillars:
- Growth
- Equity
- Sustainability
- Resiliency
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Mapping

NYC Site Visits

UN Engagement
NYC Agency Localization

The Public Design Commission (PDC) is New York City's design review agency. Established as the Municipal Art Commission in 1898, the agency was renamed the Public Design Commission in 2008 to better reflect its mission and purview. As an advocate for excellence and innovation in the public realm, the PDC works to ensure the quality and viability of public projects, programs, and services for New Yorkers in all five boroughs for years to come.

The PDC reviews permanent works of architecture, landscape architecture, and art proposed on or over City-owned property. Projects vary in size and scope, and include but are not limited to the construction, renovation, or restoration of buildings; the creation or reestablishment of parks, plazas, and plazas; the installation of lighting and other streetscape elements; signage; and the installation and conservation of artwork and memorials.

The PDC acts as operator and curator of the City's public art collection, which is located throughout public buildings and open spaces in New York City. The PDC also maintains an extensive archive of projects reviewed by the Commission since 1972, documenting more than 10,000 sites throughout New York City and providing a unique view into the history of the City's public works.

NYC Design furthers Sustainable Development Goals

New York City has establishedCroNYC as a plan in alignment with the global SDGs. As part of this vision, PDC works to further these goals of growth, equity, sustainability, and resiliency in each design project it reviews.

- **Good Health & Well-being:** Reduce premature mortality from prevention and treatment of non-communicable diseases, promotion of mental health and well-being, and prevention of traffic accidents.
- **Clean Water & Sanitation:** Improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping, minimizing release of hazardous chemicals, and materials, and protecting and restoring water-related ecosystems.
- **Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure:** Develop quality, reliable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure, and increase access to information and communications technology with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all.
- **Sustainable Cities & Communities:** Ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces, and strengthened efforts to safeguard culture heritage.
- **Climate Action:** Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters, raise awareness on climate change mitigation, and integrates climate change measures into planning.
- **Life Below Water:** Sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience and taking action for their restoration.
- **Life on Land:** Enact the conservation, restoration and sustainable use of terrestrial and inland freshwater ecosystems and their services and integrate ecosystem and biodiversity values into planning and development processes.
2018 Voluntary Local Review
OneNYC 2050

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the global blueprint adopted by all countries at the United Nations to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all, encompassing strategies to end poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality, spur economic growth, and tackle climate change. By demonstrating directly how OneNYC 2050 aligns with the SDGs, we strengthen our efforts to build a strong and fair city. Our goal to achieve A Livable Climate supports the following SDGs:

1. Clean water and sanitation
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Peace, justice, and strong institutions
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation, and infrastructure
10. Reduced inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life on land
15. Life below water
16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals

Learn more about the SDGs online at sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs

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Policy Exchanges

NYC, Buenos Aires, the United Kingdom, and the International Women Alliance discuss equity at an event in Buenos Aires

ILO testifies at NYC hearing September 2019
Commitment 1: To identify how existing strategies, programs, data, and targets align with the Sustainable Development Goals

Commitment 2: To provide at least one forum where stakeholders can come together to share experiences, lessons learned, and information gathered using the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals

Commitment 3: To submit a Voluntary Local Review to the United Nations during the United Nations High-Level Political Forum
Voluntary Local Review Movement

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