

American Council of Engineering Companies of New York

Comments for Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination Re: Proposed Rule, "Green Fast Track for Housing" February 7, 2024

The American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC New York) is an association representing nearly 300 engineering and affiliate firms with 30,000 employees in New York, with a concentrated presence in New York City. Many of our members have a business footprint and also live within the five boroughs. Our members design the structural, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, civil, environmental, fire protection and technology systems of buildings and infrastructure throughout New York City.

ACEC New York as an organization, and many of our members, have a proud history of providing the technical expertise required to update, advance and amend city laws and codes to address critical modern needs.

We submit these comments in support of the proposed rule put forth by the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination, referred to as "Green Fast Track for Housing," which would exempt certain housing development and related actions from review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and City Environmental Quality Review procedures.

We believe this evidence-based approach to exempting new housing developments, up to a certain size, and accompanying small commercial developments, from time-consuming reviews will help the city to deliver more housing supply, faster.

By streamlining the environmental review process this measure will support the production of small- and medium-sized housing projects across the city. This will generate a variety of benefits in terms of housing creation, housing affordability, and design/construction job creation.

We encourage the Mayor's Office to do everything in its power to provide much-needed housing supply to the city while ensuring public health and safety.

If ACEC New York's membership can be of assistance or serve as a resource, please contact us any time.

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