



New York City

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Chapter 1

Profile overview



About

New York City is at the confluence of three physiographic provinces—Coastal Plain, Piedmont, and Appalachian—and is home to a wealth of flora and fauna, including globally rare communities such as post oak-blackjack oak barrens. Despite our reputation as a “concrete jungle”, NYC has roughly 20,000 acres of forests, wetlands, and grasslands, including an old growth forest in Manhattan’s Inwood Hill Park, a subway-accessible wildlife refuge in Jamaica Bay in Queens, serpentine grasslands in Staten Island and more. We are also home to several federal, state, and local rare species.

Overview

8804190

Population size

United States

Country

North America

Region



Eric Adams, Mayor of New York City

Head of government

New York City is proud to be part of the Cities With Nature network. Our city contains an abundance of habitat types and species, and its important to celebrate them just as we celebrate our cultural diversity. NYC is also home to one of the United States; earliest publicly-funded urban natural resources management units that dates back to the 1980s, and we recognize the importance of integrating biodiversity conservation with human health and wellbeing.

Platform engagement statistics

Achievements

Profile awards

The city has updated their profile and achieved the following:



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The Nature Pathway

The city has engaged with the Nature Pathway to integrate nature throughout their city’s plans, policies and operations.



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Tools & resources hub

The city has made uploads to the CitiesWithNature tools & resources hub, which provides a knowledge-sharing platform for cities to share information and inspire one another.



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Action Platform

The CitiesWithNature Action Platform is endorsed by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity for cities to make commitments, share their actions and set targets for people and nature to flourish.



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The Action Platform



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Action area 1

Protect and restore nature

Commitment Made:

Protect, connect and restore ecosystems

Other commitments under this action area

Protect, connect and restore ecosystems

Conserve and restore fauna and flora

Manage invasive alien species

Control Pollution

Climate change adaptation and mitigation



Action area 2

Use nature sustainably

Other commitments under this action area

Equitable benefits through sustainable use of wild species

Biodiversity in urban agriculture, aquaculture and forestry

Promote people's access to green and blue spaces



Action area 3

Develop tools and solutions

Other commitments under this action area

Mainstreaming biodiversity values

Sustainable production and consumption

Use relevant knowledge, including traditional knowledge, for effective biodiversity management

Equitable and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in biodiversity-related decision-making

Mobilize resources for biodiversity actions

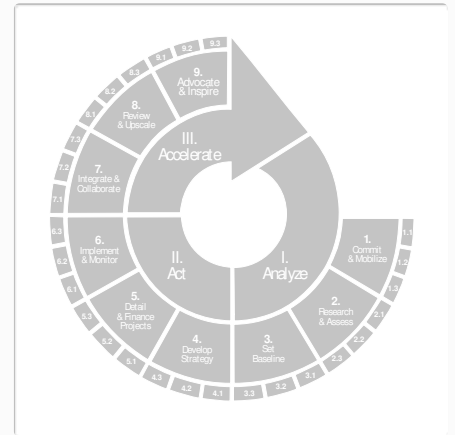
Chapter 3

Nature Pathway



Nature Pathway

The Nature Pathway assists cities with integrating nature throughout their city's plans, policies and operations.



I. Analyze

1. Commit & mobilize

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2. Research & assess

No uploads or resources have been linked

3. Set Baseline

No uploads or resources have been linked

II. Act

4. Develop strategy

No uploads or resources have been linked

5. Detail & finance projects

No uploads or resources have been linked

6. Implement & monitor

No uploads or resources have been linked

III. Accelerate

7. Integrate & collaborate

No uploads or resources have been linked

8. Review & upscale

No uploads or resources have been linked

9. Advocate & inspire

Chapter 4

City Biodiversity Index



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The City Biodiversity Index (CBI) is a self-assessment tool for cities to evaluate and monitor the progress of their biodiversity conservation efforts against their own individual baselines.

This city has measured the following total CBI score out of 112 points:

0 Points

Native biodiversity in the city

Core Component Total Score: 0 of 36 points

New York City has not started on this biodiversity index section

Ecosystem services provided by biodiversity

Core Component Total Score: 0 of 20 points

New York City has not started on this biodiversity index section

Governance and management of biodiversity

Core Component Total Score: 0 of 56 points

New York City has not started on this biodiversity index section

Chapter 5

Tools & resources



Tools & resources

All tools & resources the city has uploaded to the CitiesWithNature Tools & resources hub.

New York City has not yet posted any tools and resources



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