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## BPCA Transparency Initiative

### DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED SINCE 2021

#### 1) **Posting documents that are frequently sought pursuant to FOIL**

In our 2021 Transparency Plan, BPCA proposed posting to the BPCA website records that were frequently requested under the Freedom of Information Law. One such category of records was [BPCA's forty-one ground leases](#), as well as their numerous amendments. That goal was accomplished in March 2022. In addition to the ground leases, BPCA has continued to affirmatively identify documents of possible constituent interest and post such documents to the BPCA website. For example, presentations and communications to the community, elected officials, and other stakeholders are now posted under the [Public Information](#), [Resiliency](#), [Sustainability](#), [BPCA Housing](#), and [BPC Seniors](#) pages of the BPCA website.

#### 2) **Project Sunlight Reporting**

In our 2021 Transparency Plan, BPCA committed to reviewing and updating its Project Sunlight reporting policy to ensure compliance, as well as conducting ongoing training to ensure staff understanding and compliance. In the calendar year 2023 and 2024, the policy on Project Sunlight reporting policy was reviewed and was found to be compliant and up to date. With respect to training, we held a training in February 2022 and are currently planning a training for staff in February 2024.

#### 3) **Open Data NY**

In our 2021 Transparency Plan, BPCA identified a goal of posting additional datasets to Open Data NY related to our MWBE amount purchased, number of public programs hosted, and permits issued. BPCA has complied with our goal of posting additional datasets on the [Open Data NY](#) site since 2021.

#### 4) **Translation Services**

Since 2021, BPCA has continued to focus on language accessibility. BPCA is proud to have included on its website translations of the seasonal [programming and events guide](#) into 12 of New York State's most common non-English speaking languages. BPCA is also in the process of translating our notice under [Americans with disabilities Act, our grievance procedures, and our Ada complaint form](#).



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## INITIATIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2024

### 1) **Joint Purpose Funds Expenditures**

The Authority has accrued approximately \$137M in a Joint Purpose Fund pursuant to its Settlement Agreement with the City of New York. These funds will be directed pursuant to an amendment to that Settlement Agreement, which is currently in negotiation with the Mayor's and Comptroller's Offices. In recent years, Joint Purpose Fund monies have supported the development of affordable housing elsewhere in New York City, and a recently announced designation on July 27, 2023 allocated \$5M to increase affordability at 5 World Trade Center. The Authority is working with its counterparties to include in the forthcoming amendment provisions that provide transparency into how Joint Purpose Fund dollars are spent, and once that agreement is reached, the Authority will work to educate the public of the same.

### 2) **Tree Canopy Assessment**

In the Spring, BPCA will launch a dynamic, interactive map of Battery Park City's trees and biodiversity. The public will be able to look up the type of plant, complete a search of what is currently blooming in the neighborhood, and look up the ecological benefits of each tree in our neighborhood.