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AGENCY NAME: New York State Homes and Community Renewal

DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED SINCE 2021

1. HCR established and now publishes a quarterly newsletter for members of the public to receive agency news and updates. The last newsletter was sent 12/28/2023 and the next will be sent in late March 2024.

2. HCR established a "Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) counter" showing the number of requests fulfilled and the number outstanding FOIL requests on our website here: https://hcr.ny.gov/foil to facilitate visibility into the agency's FOIL process.

3. HCR has created a new Community Relations team to find new opportunities and strategic partnerships with stakeholders to increase the agency's participation in community events and town meetings. The Community Relations team has already begun increasing HCR's attendance at local community events and will continue to build these opportunities for increased engagement.

4. HCR has begun Posting Petitions for Administrative Review decisions (PARs) from the Office of Rent Administration on the agency's website for public access. By placing the PAR Orders online, ORA has streamlined research for tenants, owners, and third parties and provided the public with a better understanding on how the Rent Stabilization Code and the agency's polices are applied and executed in case decisions. https://hcr.ny.gov/office-rent-administration-transparency-initiative

5. HCR created an upgraded HCR Multifamily Asset Map. The upgraded version provides additional information on HCRs multifamily portfolio. https://hcr.ny.gov/hcr-multifamily-asset-map

6. HCR has ensured that all information provided to the public is available in the ten most common non-English languages, in accordance with EO 26.1

7. HCR has begun posting reports sent to the State Legislature to its website.

INITATIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2024

1. HCR will create a map for the newly created Pro-Housing Community Program that will show which communities have taken the first step in applying to the program and which communities have achieved certification and will post this map on the program's website: https://hcr.ny.gov/pro-housing-community-program

2. HCR is in the process of updating its NY Housing Search website, an HCR Website that connects New Yorkers to affordable, accessible, high quality, and safe rental housing opportunities that meet the needs of their families. New York Housing Search enables Owners and Managing Agents to advertise for available units when an application period is open for their housing developments. The new site will make this search easier and will also include a new Support Center with a comprehensive public-facing online Application for Owners and potential Tenants.

3. HCR will continue to provide its data on loan, grant, and tax credit projects that support economic and community development to ESD's Database of Economic Incentives quarterly. The Database of Economic Incentives is designed to increase the transparency of New York's economic development efforts and provide the public with better ability to analyze the data.