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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a citywide greenway master plan

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 11 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11

CITYWIDE GREENWAY MASTER PLAN

§ 19-1100 Citywide greenway master plan a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following term has the following meaning:

Greenway. The term “greenway” means a linear open space developed as right of way for recreational pedestrian use or non-motorized vehicle use.

b. The department and the department of parks and creation, in consultation with the department of city planning, the department of design and construction, the department of environmental protection and a contracted entity, as defined in section 22-821 of the code, shall develop a citywide greenway master plan that details the development and maintenance of greenways throughout the city. Such master plan shall:

1. Identify thoroughfares and other rights of way throughout the city that are feasible for development into a greenway or connection to the existing greenway network, including the costs and estimated timeline

associated with the completion of such development;

2. Develop a map, to be updated no less than quarterly, that shall be posted on the website of the department that displays greenways throughout each borough currently available for public use and greenways that are proposed for development, construction or other maintenance; and

3. Include, for any section of an existing greenway that is closed for public use, a description of the reason for such closure and an estimate of the cost and timeline required to reopen such greenway for public use.

c. Such plan shall be completed by July 1, 2023, posted on the website of the department and be updated no less than once every four years.

d. No later than December 31 of each year, the department shall submit a report to the mayor and council that provides a summary on the implementation of the plan required under subdivision b of this section.

Such report shall also include, but not be limited to:

1. The state of repair needs for existing greenway sections, including the dates of the most recent maintenance or upgrade work;

2. Any section of a greenway that is a priority for repair and other upgrade needs, the anticipated costs and timeline for repairing such greenway section and the proposed solutions for repairing and upgrading such greenway section; and

3. A description of any government entity that is overseeing each repair or upgrade project that is performed on any greenway.

e. For the purposes of implementing the plan and report required pursuant to this section, the department and the department of parks and recreation shall regularly engage with community boards in community districts that contain thoroughfares or other locations that are potentially suitable for development into a greenway section and, where feasible, consult with any state or federal entity that may engage in any aspect of greenway development or repair.

f. For each new greenway section that is proposed for development, closure or repair, the department shall present such proposal to the community board for each community district where such proposed greenway section may be constructed, no later than 60 days after such proposal is identified in the master plan.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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