Urban Green started in the late 1990s as an informal group of design and real estate professionals who cared about green building, amplifying LEED and the threat of climate change. The all-volunteer group officially incorporated in 2002 and added paid staff in 2007, allowing for greater reach and impact. Below is a map of some of our most impactful achievements and initiatives. Visit urbangreencouncil.org/2021-annual-report to learn more and see how our work has transformed NYC!

2009: Greener, Greater Buildings Plan
This groundbreaking suite of laws mandated audits, benchmarking and lighting upgrades for large buildings. It also included a first-ever NYC energy code and green workforce development.

2009: Green Workforce Development
2009 First NYC Energy Code
2009 Local Law 87 (Audits with Recs)
2009 Local Law 84 (Benchmarking)
2007 PlaNYC

2010: Building Resiliency Task Force
2010 First GPRO Class
2010 Green Codes Task Force
2010-Present Over 65 Proposals Enacted

2013: 90x50 Report
Our 90x50 report was the first study to tactically demonstrate how an American city can achieve dramatic energy reductions to mitigate extreme climate change using existing technologies.

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2015: Conquering the Code
2016 NYC’s Roadmap to 80x50
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2021 Grid Ready
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2010 NYC & NYS Training - Cracking the Code
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2019: Local Law 97
Considered the most ambitious building emissions legislation enacted by a major city, the law incorporates many recommendations from Urban Green’s Blueprint for Efficiency report.

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