NYC GREEN CODES
LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE

GCTF Proposal
Add Environmental Protection as Fundamental Principle of the Construction Codes

Implemented
Local Law 49 of 2010

Summary
Although environmental protection is not expressly recognized as a principle informing the building code, environmental risks are more likely to affect New York City buildings and their residents than many other risks currently addressed in the code.

This law adds safeguarding “the environment” to the purpose section of the Construction Codes.

New Requirements or Changes

Effective: October 6, 2010. These changes do not directly effect any construction requirements.

Amendments to Section 28-101.2 of the Administrative Code, Section 101.3 of the Plumbing Code, Section 101.3 of the Mechanical Code, and Section 101.4 of the Fuel Gas Code.

- Changes the purpose sections of the Building Code, Plumbing Code, Mechanical Code, and Fuel Gas Code by adding protection of “the environment” as a purpose of these codes

Enforcement
These changes do not directly affect any construction requirements.

Implementation
Environmental protection now stands formally alongside protection of public safety, health and welfare as the core purposes of the Construction Codes. This overarching direction for the codes should guide their development and revision.