

Appendix 3.3 General Questions

Questions were set into two parts: general and specific, where specific were moulded towards the professional's background.

General Questions

Opening question: what is your job role and how do you define resilience and sustainability/ or how do you use its terms?

1. What are the goals, mission and objectives of resilience efforts in NYC?
2. What are the goals, Missions and objectives of sustainability efforts in NYC?
3. How are projects (building and infrastructure) with resilience outcomes managed?
4. How are projects with sustainable outcomes managed?
5. What opportunities are there to manage sustainability and resilience together?
6. Should they be seen as mutually supported agendas or are they separate?
7. What measurement tools do you use? Are they beneficial or not?
8. What are the opportunities and barriers for both agendas?

Specific Role Questions:

If the person has a specific role or mentioned a reference point that was reflected in the responses, then questions were asked for their role category.

Theme: Planning and Design

- What are the obstructions in delivering sustainability and resilience in projects? (a 2015 housing plan update report specifically outlines design code updates and issues with FEMA)
- How are the long term impacts of sustainability and resilience going to managed and monitored?
- What are the design issues in the local building codes that needed updating?
- What are the disparities in the FEMA documentation?

Theme: LEED/ Envision/ Green Building Assessors

- Are you aware of LEED-RELi? Have you used it?
- Are you aware of envision? Have you used it?
- Obviously major city projects on green infrastructure, housing, resilience and sustainability, how does this scale of project relate to your work? Does it affect the decisions that are made on the project? Does it enhance or negate the credit goals?
- How does spatial and temporal scale of the decision affect the outcome? Can you provide an example?
- Are the local green building codes comparable to LEED, how do they perform?

- Where do you think there are the most gaps in design and planning buildings and infrastructure with local policy?
- What changes would you like to see to implement LEED better?

Theme: Measurement (policy, strategy and resilience specialists)

- How do the one NYC targets affect your work at 100RC?
- Do you think the targets set could be better supporting the sustainable performance of buildings, housing and infrastructure?
- How is the relationship evolving between the 100RC strategy and One NYC with regards to resilience?
- How is the relationship between the strategy outlined in Built to Last and Rebuilding together?
- Do you agree with the NYC Climate change predictions?
- How is vulnerability being measured?
- How is the overall outcome of risk being measured? And how are these outcomes being fed back into meeting the OneNYC strategy?