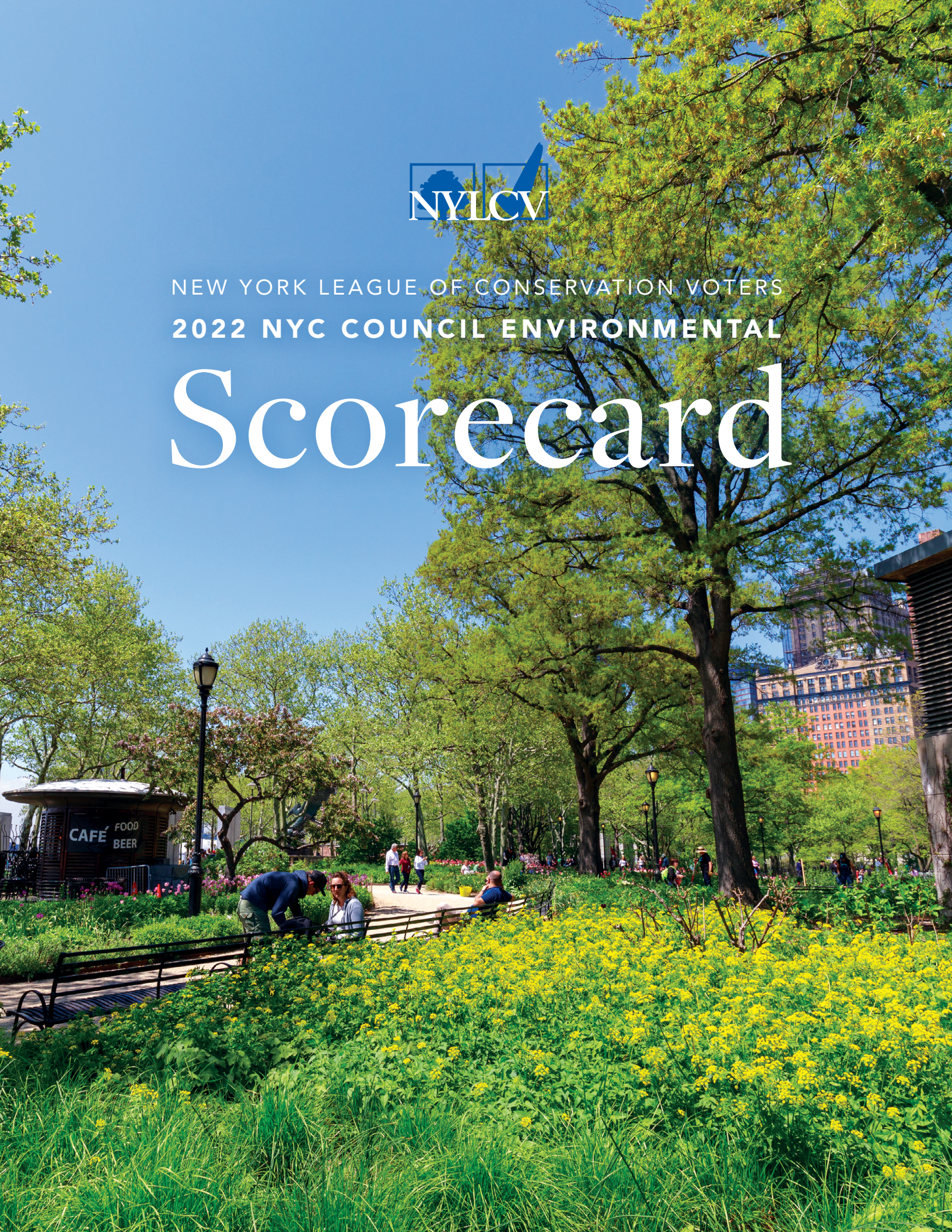




NEW YORK LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS  
2022 NYC COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL

# Scorecard



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Climate change is not a problem we face in the future—it is here and we must act with that sense of urgency. We see it on summer nights that don't cool, rain storms that overwhelm our streets and sewers, and chronic tidal flooding from sea level rise. And sadly, low-income communities and communities of color are on the frontlines, faced with fewer trees to keep neighborhoods cool, less access to parks and transit, and greater risk of flooding and exposure to harmful chemicals like lead. That's why it is so critical for the City to urgently tackle the challenges we face.

This past year was one of mixed results on environmental policy in the New York City Council. A disappointing 27% of our scorecard bills were passed by the City Council, which is down from last year's 62% pass rate. While many Council Members earned high scores, our 2022 NYC Environmental Scorecard demonstrates that the City Council passed too few environmental bills and must do more in order for the City to meet its climate goals.

The environmental bills the Council did pass in 2022 focused on park equity, open spaces, transportation, and reducing plastic waste.

We were happy to see passage of a bill sponsored by Councilmembers Carlina Rivera and Selvena Brooks-Powers requiring the creation of a master plan for New York City's greenways and to regularly engage with communities regarding proposed changes, updates, or repair work to greenway sections.

# *we must do more to climate goals.*

Councilmember Shekar Krishnan stepped up to sponsor two adopted parks bills, one of which seeks to reduce park inequities through the inspection process, while the other will spur the city to add green space to small, often overlooked, parcels of land like dead ends and highway exit ramps.

Lastly, Councilmember Marjorie Velázquez sponsored the “Skip the Stuff” bill, also on NYLCV’s 2021 Scorecard, that will reduce the amount of single-use plastics provided—often unrequested—by food service establishments and move the needle toward the city’s goal of zero waste.

We are disappointed that some bills included in our Scorecard over the past two years were not prioritized by the Council, including bills that would streamline notice requirements for certain transportation projects and expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure in existing parking garages.

It is clear that the Council needs to do more in 2023 to prepare New York City for more extreme heat waves, sea level rise, and inland flooding, while at the same time addressing environmental harms New Yorkers face every day.

There is, however, reason for optimism. With vast funding opportunities available at the federal and state levels—including from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and New York’s

Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act—the time is ripe for the City Council to recommit to protecting our environment and redouble its effort to fight climate change and rectify past and ongoing environmental injustices. If they do this, their work will have an impact far beyond the five boroughs with New York serving as a model for other cities to follow.

With the upcoming elections, 2023 has the potential to be a big year for environmental policy at the City Council. By passing the measures that were left on the table last year, Council Members can demonstrate to voters their commitment to the environment. We also hope that new candidates for office will look at this year’s Scorecard to inform their positions during the campaign and, if elected, during their time in office.

New York City has and must continue to lead on fighting climate change and protecting the environment for all New Yorkers. We look forward to continuing our work with the Council and helping them make 2023 a more productive year for the environment.



*Julie Tighe*  
PRESIDENT, NYLCV



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# About the Bills

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## **CITYWIDE GREENWAY PLAN**

INTRO 291 (RIVERA/BROOKS-POWERS)

This bill requires the Department of Transportation and the Department of Parks and Recreation to create a master plan for New York City's greenways and to regularly engage with communities regarding proposed changes, updates, or repair work to greenway sections. *Intro 291 was introduced on April 28, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on October 13, 2022. The bill passed on October 27, 2022, by a vote of 49-1.*

## REPORTING ON PARKS AND PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS

INTRO 173 (KRISHNAN)

This bill requires the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to identify and report on any of its parks and playgrounds that have routinely failed DPR inspections and develop a plan on how such issues will be corrected.

*Intro 173 was introduced April 14, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Parks and Recreation on April 22, 2022.*

*The bill passed on May 5, 2022, by a vote of 50-0.*

## MICRO PARKS AND GREEN SPACES ON VACANT CITY-OWNED LAND

INTRO 680 (KRISHNAN)

This bill requires an office or agency designated by the Mayor, in consultation with the Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Protection, and Department of Parks and Recreation, to review city-owned sites near dead ends, vacant land, highway entrances, and exit ramps that are suitable for the planting of trees or other vegetation, bioswales, micro parks, or other green spaces. *Intro 680 was introduced on September 14, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Parks and Recreation on December 6, 2022. The bill passed on December 21, 2022, by a vote of 49-0.*

## SKIP THE STUFF\*

INTRO 559 (VELÁZQUEZ)

This bill prohibits food service establishments, couriers who deliver food, and food delivery platforms from providing eating utensils, extra eating containers, condiment packets and napkins to customers for take-out and delivery orders unless the customer requests them. Reducing single use and unnecessary items helps the City limit pollution and work towards reaching our zero waste goals. *Intro 559 was introduced on June 16, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection on December 12, 2022. The bill passed on January 19, 2023, by a vote of 43-7.*

## RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE ORGANICS COLLECTION

INTRO 244 (HANIF)

This bill would create a citywide curbside organics program for residential buildings and require the Department of Sanitation to develop outreach and education materials

concerning the program. *Intro 244 was introduced on April 28, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on June 15, 2022.*

## COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTERS\*

INTRO 280 (POWERS)

This bill would mandate that the Department of Sanitation establish and operate at least one community recycling center in each community district. Establishing community dropoff centers for recyclable material that cannot be efficiently collected curbside will be instrumental in achieving the City's waste reduction goals. *Intro 280 was introduced on April 28, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management on June 15, 2022.*

## NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS\*

INTRO 417 (RESTLER)

This bill would streamline the process for siting and construction of transportation projects by combining the separate City Council and community board notice processes. In order to reduce our dependence on cars and encourage safe travel by low emissions forms of transportation, we must make it easier for the City to build bike lanes and micro-mobility infrastructure. *Intro 417 was introduced on May 19, 2022.*

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS\*

INTRO 150 (BRANNAN)

This bill would require that 40% of spaces in existing parking garages be capable of supporting electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) by 2030. This bill would also require that 10% of parking spaces in existing garages and open lots install electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) by 2030 and 20% of such facilities install EVSE by 2035. Where an existing garage or open lot undergoes an alteration, at the time of such alteration, 40% of all parking spaces must be capable of supporting EVCS and 10% of all spaces must also install EVSE. For new garages and lots, 60% of all parking spaces must be capable of supporting EVCS and 20% of all spaces would be required to install EVSE. Providing electric charging infrastructure is crucial for reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and expanding access to clean, electric vehicles. *Intro 150 was introduced on April 14, 2022.*



## **PERMANENT REMOVAL OF LEAD-BASED PAINT ON FRICTION SURFACES IN CHILD-OCCUPIED DWELLINGS**

INTRO 6 (AYALA)

This bill would require the lead-based paint abatement activities that are currently required upon turnover—including the removal of lead-based paint on friction surfaces on doors and windows—to be completed in all applicable dwelling units where a child under the age of six resides, by July 1, 2023. *Intro 6 was introduced on February 10, 2022.*

## **LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS IN COMMON AREAS OF DWELLINGS**

INTRO 193 (RIVERA)

This bill would make the existence of peeling lead-based paint in any common area of a multiple dwelling where a child under the age of six resides a class C hazardous violation. The legislation would also include common areas as part of the current inspections for lead-based paint hazards in dwellings required under the City's lead laws. *Intro 193 was introduced on April 14, 2022.*

## **PHASING OUT THE USE OF FUEL OIL GRADE NO. 4**

INTRO 470 (GENNARO)

This bill would require building owners to end the use of No. 4 oil for specific boilers by December 31, 2023, and for

all boilers by January 1, 2025. *Intro 470 was introduced on June 2, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on June 7, 2022.*

## **DECREASING SEWAGE AND STORMWATER CONTAMINANTS IN THE CITY WATERWAYS**

INTRO 533 (GENNARO)

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to report on its progress toward decreasing the presence of sewage and stormwater contaminants in the City's waterways and various strategies to achieve those goals, and to provide for the expiration and repeal of such requirements. *Intro 533 was introduced on June 16, 2022.*

## **ONLINE GREEN ROOF MAP**

INTRO 102 (BRANNAN)

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to post an online map of green roofs throughout the City along with detailed information on each green roof. *Intro 102 was introduced on March 24, 2022.*

## **MOTOR VEHICLES IDLING ADJACENT TO PARKS, GREEN SPACES AND PLAYGROUNDS**

INTRO 606 (AVILÉS)

This bill would require the New York Police Department, Parks Department and Department of Sanitation to issue summonses, notices of violation or appearance tickets to motor vehicles idling adjacent to New York City parks, green spaces and playgrounds for longer than one minute. *Intro 606 was introduced on August 11, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on December 15, 2022.*

## **AIR QUALITY MONITORING AT DESIGNATED "HEAVY-USE" THOROUGHFARES**

INTRO 707 (AVILÉS)

This bill would require the Department of Environmental Protection to designate heavy-use thoroughfares in every borough, install street-level air monitors at a minimum of two major intersections on every designated heavy-use thoroughfare, and issue a report with the results and mitigation measures where there have been air quality violations. *Intro 707 was introduced on September 29, 2022, and heard by the Committee on Environmental Protection on December 15, 2022.*

\*DENOTES A PREVIOUS SCORECARD BILL

# A Note to NYLCV Members

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In 2022, you used your voice to tell your legislators to fight climate change, conserve natural resources, and protect public health. The environmental wins we were able to achieve in 2022 were because of support from members like you. When we act together, we can get a lot done.

An important part of our work is holding our elected officials accountable. Many City Council Members—including NYLCV-endorsed candidates—will be running for re-election in 2023, or pursuing other elected positions in Federal, State or City government. We encourage all New York City voters to use this scorecard as a resource in 2023 and in future elections when deciding who you want to represent your community and the environment. This scorecard tells you whether your local representatives listened to you and your neighbors, and whether they upheld their responsibility to promote sound policies that protect the environment. Here are three ways you can continue to help us in this endeavor:

**TELL YOUR LEGISLATORS YOU KNOW THEIR SCORE:** It only takes a minute to say thanks—or no thanks—to your legislators.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** Share this scorecard with your friends and family so they know the score of their elected officials.

**DONATE:** We could not accomplish our mission without the generous support of our members. Please make a donation so that we can continue fighting climate change, conserving land and water, and protecting public health.

*Visit [NYLCV.org/donate](https://nylcv.org/donate) for more.*

# Key Results

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Enacting bold environmental policies at any level of government is not easy. However, the City Council can and should do more in 2023 to prioritize the environment. Because the fact is, with each year that we fail to put in place the policies we need to fight climate change, the challenges become ever more difficult to overcome, and that is why 2023 is such a critical year for the environment in New York City.

Despite the low number of environmental bills passed in 2022, there were positive changes at the borough level. The Bronx continued to increase its average score this year, from 75% in 2020, to 79% in 2021, and up to 98% in 2022. Though Manhattan wasn't able to achieve a perfect score as it did in 2020, it still increased its average score from 90 in 2021 to 97 in 2022. We look forward to seeing Queens, Brooklyn, and Staten Island increase their average score in 2023 after dropping from 88% to 86%, 85% to 81%, and 62% to 42%, respectively, between 2021 and 2022.

## PERFECT SCORES

*Christopher Marte*  
*Carlina Rivera*  
*Erik Bottcher*  
*Keith Powers*  
*Gale Brewer*  
*Shaun Abreu*  
*Eric Dinowitz*  
*Kevin Riley*  
*Marjorie Velázquez*  
*Pierina Ana Sanchez*  
*Oswald Feliz*  
*Amanda Farías*  
*Sandra Ung*  
*James Gennaro*  
*Shekar Krishnan*  
*Julie Won*  
*Nantasha Williams*  
*Robert Holden*  
*Lincoln Restler*  
*Jennifer Gutiérrez*  
*Crystal Hudson*  
*Chi Ossé*  
*Sandy Nurse*  
*Alexa Avilés*  
*Shahana Hanif*  
*Rita Joseph*  
*Farah Louis*  
*Mercedes Narcisse*

## LOW SCORES

*Joann Ariola*  
*Joseph Borelli*  
*David Carr*  
*Ari Kagan*  
*Darlene Mealy*  
*Vickie Paladino*  
*Inna Vernikov*  
*Kalman Yeger*

# Average Score by Borough

## BRONX

98 IN 2021  
79

## MANHATTAN

97 IN 2021  
90

## QUEENS

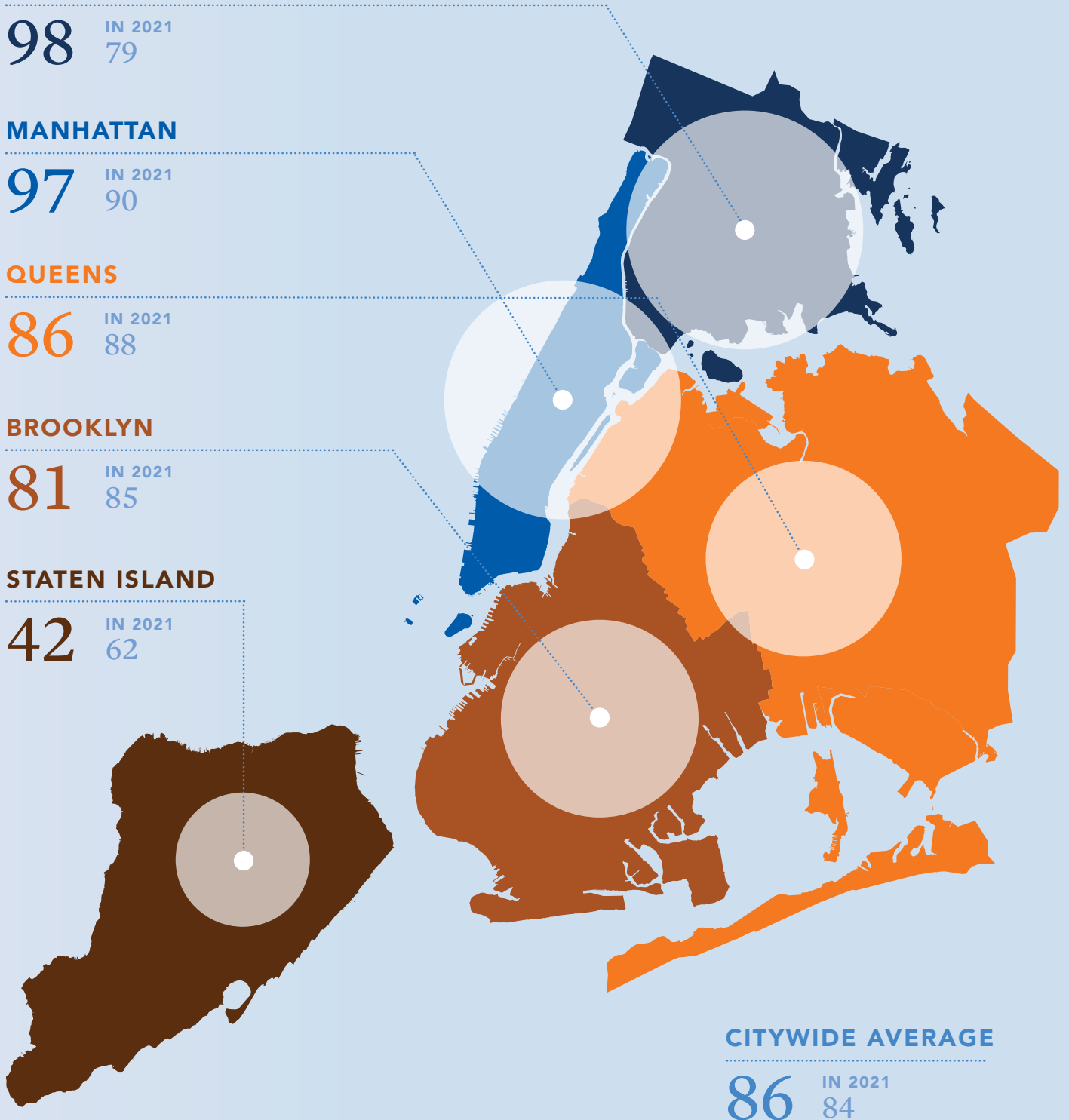
86 IN 2021  
88

## BROOKLYN

81 IN 2021  
85

## STATEN ISLAND

42 IN 2021  
62



# Key City Council Leadership

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Though Speaker Adams is not individually scored, she has substantial influence over which pieces of legislation move through the City Council, and there are a few key metrics from this year that demonstrate how the environment was not a priority.

In 2022, a disappointing 27% of our scorecard bills were passed by the City Council, which is down from last year's 62% pass rate. Out of the fifteen bills on the scorecard, the four that passed addressed issues pertaining to park equity, open space, transportation, and plastic waste. Unfortunately, the Council did not pass the bills that remained on the table from our 2021 scorecard, which included a bill concerning notice requirements for certain transportation projects and a bill expanding EV charging infrastructure in parking garages.

The citywide average score is also a reflection on the Speaker, and after a year in which fewer bills were passed, it is clear that a course correction is needed in order for the City to meet its climate goals.

NYLCV looks forward to working with Speaker Adams in 2023 to pass the bills that did not move forward in 2022, bills which are crucial to protecting our environment and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Next year we hope to continue making strides at the borough level, while also continuing to increase the citywide average score.

# Scores of Key Committee Chairs

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## **SPEAKER**

*Adrienne Adams*



## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

*Jim Gennaro*

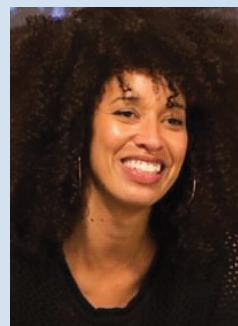
**100**



## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

*Shekar Krishnan*

**100**



## **SANITATION & SOLID WASTE**

*Sandy Nurse*

**100**



## **TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Selvena Brooks-Powers*

**93**



## **HOUSING & BUILDINGS**

*Pierina Ana Sanchez*

**100**



## **COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER & WORKER PROTECTION**

*Marjorie Velázquez*

**100**

# Methodology

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NYLCV regularly convenes a “Green Group” coalition of New York City’s leading environmental, public health, transportation, parks and environmental justice organizations to discuss important issues and inform our legislative priorities. Using this input, NYLCV selected the legislation in this Scorecard.

Council Members earn points by casting pro-environment votes or by co-sponsoring pro-environment bills. Negative votes count against the final score. Votes missed due to excused absences are not factored into the score, while abstentions count as an anti-environment vote. Bills that passed during 2022 were graded on whether or not each legislator took the pro-environment vote. Bills that did not reach a vote during 2022 were graded on co-sponsorship. Council Members were given a grace period until December 31, 2022 to co-sponsor bills.

As Speaker, Adrienne Adams is not scored. However, the citywide average, which the Speaker has substantial influence over, is a reflection of her commitment to the environment.



# Council Scores

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BOROUGH	DISTRICT		2021 Score	2022 NYLCV Score	Int 291 Citywide Greenway Plan	Int 173 Reporting on Park and Playground Inspections	Int 680 Micro Parks and Green Spaces on Vacant City-Owned Land	Int 559 Skip the Stuff	Int 244 Residential Curbside Organics Collection	Int 280 Community Recycling Centers	Int 417 Notice Requirements for Certain Transportation Projects	Int 150 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations	Int 6 Removal of Lead-Based Paint on Friction Surfaces of Dwellings	Int 193 Lead-Based Paint Hazards in Common Areas	Int 470 Phasing Out the Use of Fuel Oil Grade No. 4	Int 533 Decreasing Sewage and Stormwater Contaminants	Int 102 Online Green Roof Map	Int 606 Motor Vehicles Idling Near Parks, Green Spaces and Playgrounds	Int 707 Air Quality Monitoring at Designated "Heavy Use" Thoroughfares
		PASS (Y/N)			Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
MANHATTAN	1	Christopher Marte	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2	Carlina Rivera	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3	Erik Bottcher	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4	Keith Powers	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	5	Julie Menin	N/A	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	6	Gale Brewer	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	7	Shaun Abreu	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	8	Diana Ayala	100	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
	9	Kristin Richardson Jordan	N/A	93	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	10	Carmen De La Rosa	N/A	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Borough Average Score 97																			
BRONX	11	Eric Dinowitz	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	12	Kevin Riley	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	13	Marjorie Velázquez	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	14	Pierina Ana Sanchez	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	15	Oswald Feliz	80	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	16	Althea Stevens	N/A	87	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓
	17	Rafael Salamanca	77	93	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	18	Amanda Fariás	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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QUEENS	19	Vickie Palladino	N/A	27	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
	20	Sandra Ung	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	21	Francisco Moya	77	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	22	Tiffany Cabán	N/A	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
	23	Linda Lee	N/A	93	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	24	James Gennaro	100	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	25	Shekar Krishnan	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	26	Julie Won	N/A	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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QUEENS		PASS (Y/N)	
	27	Nantasha Williams	N/A
	29	Lynn Schulman	N/A
	30	Robert Holden	69
	31	Selvena Brooks-Powers	90
	32	Joann Ariola	N/A
Borough Average Score 86			
BROOKLYN	33	Lincoln Restler	N/A
	34	Jennifer Gutiérrez	N/A
	35	Crystal Hudson	N/A
	36	Chi Ossé	N/A
	37	Sandy Nurse	N/A
	38	Alexa Avilés	N/A
	39	Shahana Hanif	N/A
	40	Rita Joseph	N/A
	41	Darlene Mealy	N/A
	42	Charles Barron	N/A
	43	Justin Brannan	92
	44	Kalman Yeger	77
	45	Farah N. Louis	100
	46	Mercedes Narcisse	N/A
47	Ari Kagan	N/A	
48	Inna Vernikov	N/A**	
Borough Average Score 81			
STATEN ISLAND	49	Kamillah Hanks	N/A
	50	David Carr	N/A
	51	Joseph C. Borelli	23
	Borough Average Score 42		
City Average Score 86			
2022 NYLCV Score			
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## *About the Scorecard*

Our New York City Council Environmental Scorecard is our primary tool for holding Council Members accountable for their work on the environment.

In consultation with our partners from environmental, environmental justice, public health, and transportation groups, we identify priority bills that have passed and those we believe have a chance of becoming law for inclusion in our scorecard.

We then score each Council Member based on their support of these bills.

## *About the New York League of Conservation Voters*

NYLCV is the only nonpartisan, statewide environmental organization in New York that fights for clean water, clean air, renewable energy, and open space through political action.