

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number:

- INT 1230-2025

Prime Sponsor:

- Council Member Joann Ariola

Bill Title: A Local Law in relation to requiring the director of long-term planning and sustainability to conduct an infrastructure risk study in flood risk areas.

- Submitted by:
- Council Member Joann Ariola
- Justification

The infrastructure in communities throughout NYC is in disrepair while development continues without taking that into consideration.

This bill would require the Director of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability to conduct a study to assess the risk of infrastructure failures due to increased flood occurrences and future residential development in areas at risk of flooding. The director would be required to create an infrastructure risk score metric based on infrastructure, flooding, and development factors, and assign risk scores to at least 10 zones of flood risk area. The director would publish the study 24 months after the bill took effect.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.