A state-of-the-art website providing public access to data, real-time information, interactive tools, and expert knowledge relevant to the Office of Planning & Development’s activities.

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
The Geographic Information Gateway (Gateway) is a new website that allows the public to access the Office of Planning & Development’s (OPD) geographic data. The Gateway supports planning activities of internal staff and local and state governments, and serves as a public communication tool. A suite of interactive tools enables a diverse audience to explore geographic information, including: citizens, local governments, state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and academia. Highlights of the Gateway include:

- A user-friendly interface that enables the public to view and download over 500 datasets related to Atlantic Ocean, community resilience, waterfront revitalization and Great Lakes planning activities, including all of the data presented in the Department of State Offshore Atlantic Ocean Study.
- Custom-built story maps that help visitors interactively explore and understand a diversity of topics, from offshore wind planning activities to the use of living shorelines as a community resilience tool.
- An innovative content management system that allows staff to update content in real-time while facilitating data sharing between local, state, regional, and federal partners.

HOW NEW YORK BENEFITS
The Gateway provides an easy way for the public to access the geographic information that OPD uses for planning and decision-making. This public access increases government transparency, supports state and local government planning activities, and facilitates data sharing. New York is using the Gateway to support offshore and community resilience planning efforts, improve communication with the public, and share information with key partners.

NEXT STEPS
The Gateway is a dynamic web platform and will be periodically updated to ensure datasets remain up-to-date and accurate. Over the course of the next year, the Gateway will expand to include data and information related to other OPD program activities, such as the Long Island Sound, South Shore Estuary and brownfield opportunity areas. The Gateway will also generate mapping capabilities and mobile apps for collecting crowdsourced information to support resiliency planning, offshore planning, and storm event response and recovery.

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