

Guidelines for Eligibility and Accounting for Disadvantaged Communities in Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 Spending

The Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022 (Bond Act) includes several provisions related to disadvantaged communities (DACs). This document serves as guidance to implementing New York State agencies and entities charged with administering Bond Act funds.

Disadvantaged community means communities that bear burdens of negative public health effects, environmental pollution, and climate change impacts, and possess certain socioeconomic criteria or comprise high-concentrations of low- and moderate-income households. Disadvantaged communities are identified pursuant to ECL § 75-0101(5) of the State's [Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act](#).

Guidance for achieving disadvantaged community provisions:

In accordance with the Bond Act, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and any New York State agency, authority, or entity charged with administering Bond Act funds is to make every effort practicable to achieve a goal that 40 percent of Bond Act funds benefit disadvantaged communities provided that disadvantaged communities shall receive no less than 35 percent of the benefit of the Bond Act funds. Compliance with the 35 percent DAC mandate shall mean 35 percent of the overall \$4.2 billion Bond Act spending statewide. However, all practicable efforts shall be made to reach the goal of 40 percent of Bond Act funds benefit disadvantaged communities under each Bond Act allocation category.

To ensure compliance, New York State agencies, authorities, and entities implementing the Bond Act shall use the interpretations of the following terms used in this guidance:

- “Relevant programmatic resources” means the investment or spending through open enrollment and application-based programs, grants, competitive solicitations, or other spending funded in whole or in part through the Bond Act.
- “Benefits of spending” or “benefits of Bond Act funds” means the dollar value of relevant programmatic resources allocated through programs and projects funded in whole or in part through the Bond Act.
- “Bond Act entities” means the DEC and any state agency, authority, or entity charged with administering Bond Act funds.

The Bond Act requires investments in DACs to ensure at least proportionate benefit of the funds are realized in areas of the state that face higher burdens and vulnerability across environmental, public health, socioeconomic, and climate factors.

Please note: New York State is committed to uplifting all communities. While the Bond Act requires a specific investment in DACs, all communities statewide are eligible to receive funding. This guidance does not eliminate Bond Act entities’ ability to make program decisions to benefit those most in need based on their own determinations, including but not limited to DACs. All eligible entities are encouraged to apply for Bond Act funding opportunities.

Prioritization for disadvantaged communities in Bond Act eligibility

In order to facilitate compliance with the 35 percent DAC benefit requirement, Bond Act entities shall design their eligibility and scoring criteria so that relevant programmatic resources encourage participation by disadvantaged communities. All practicable efforts shall be made to reach the goal of 40 percent of Bond Act funds benefit disadvantaged communities under each Bond Act allocation category.

Bond Act entities may direct benefits or other beneficial outcomes to DACs through various program design or implementation considerations including, but not limited to:

- increasing outreach and engagement to grow or otherwise improve enrollment or initiation of Bond Act projects in DACs;
- assessing and addressing barriers and opportunities for DACs in program design; and
- establishing DAC-specific eligibility and/or evaluation criteria for relevant programmatic resources.

Programs funded in whole or in part through the Bond Act will serve New Yorkers across a broad range of environmental and climate needs from open space, air and water quality, flood risk reduction, restoration projects, clean energy, and more. Therefore, specific DAC eligibility, scoring, and other criteria should be tailored to fit each program. Entities should incorporate DAC criteria in a way that best serves their specific operational needs and goals of their programs, while also driving proportionate benefits to DACs. To ensure consistency across all Bond Act programs, Bond Act entities will work with DEC's Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to develop and finalize DAC eligibility criteria in their Bond Act programs.

Guidance for prioritizing DACs in competitive solicitations

Bond Act entities administering Bond Act funds via competitive solicitations shall establish DAC-specific eligibility criteria for all relevant programmatic resources. The DAC map and population matrices (Appendices A and B) effective at the time of application for a grant opportunity will be used to calculate scoring.

Criteria to be implemented for relevant programmatic resources may include, but are not limited to:

- prioritizing DACs through the scoring process by using a graduated scoring system based on the density of the DAC population served;
- reducing or eliminating, to the extent practicable, the inclusion of similar and potentially duplicative criteria used prior to the designation of DACs (e.g., hardship community, underserved population, Low Moderate Income, Environmental Justice community, federal DAC designations);
- requiring applicants to provide a narrative of how DACs will benefit from their proposals;
- requiring applicants to conduct public engagement with DAC stakeholders and outline engagement plans in their proposals;
- screening applications for potential benefits to DACs, such as inclusion of evaluators with a working knowledge of the DAC criteria; and/or
- requiring evaluations or reports submitted back to the Bond Act entity include an assessment on progress in DACs.

Guidance for prioritizing DACs in first-come, first-served programs

Relevant programmatic resources that are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis will aim to maximize benefits to DACs in line with the 40 percent goal. To promote DAC benefits in Bond Act programs with first-come, first-served allocations, Bond Act entities are advised to consider:

- requiring applicants to provide a narrative of how DACs will benefit from their proposals;
- awarding higher allocation amounts for applications that will benefit DACs; and/or
- releasing relevant programmatic resources in a schedule to allow for evaluation of program and adjustments to program based on DAC participation.

Guidance for prioritizing DACs in place-based programs

Relevant programmatic resources that are place-based or can be directed at projects whose impacts can be localized to a defined geographic area shall make all practicable efforts to reach the goal of 40 percent of Bond Act funds benefit disadvantaged communities. Place-based projects located in a DAC are presumed to be beneficial to DACs unless otherwise indicated in an application or proposal. Place-based projects not located in a DAC are presumed to not generate benefits to DACs unless otherwise indicated in an application or proposal and approved by the Bond Act entity. However, because the DAC criteria excludes census tracts that have very low populations, such as parks or outdoor recreational areas, Bond Act entities may consider place-based projects directly adjacent to DACs in their prioritization and assessment of DAC benefits by identifying the project service area and calculating the DAC population benefitting from the project. To promote DAC benefits in Bond Act programs with place-based allocations, Bond Act entities are advised to consider:

- prioritizing DACs through the scoring process;
- reducing or eliminating, where possible, the inclusion of similar and potentially duplicative criteria used prior to the designation of DACs (e.g., hardship community, underserved population, Low Moderate Income, Environmental Justice community, federal DAC designations); and / or
- allowing project applicants from outside of DACs to specify whether their proposed project will benefit adjacent DACs.

Guidance for prioritizing DACs in community-wide programs

Relevant programmatic resources allocated under the Bond Act may be made at the municipality or county level (community-wide) in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Act and pursuant to any programs administered by or agreement with Bond Act entities. Therefore, Bond Act entities will consider the density of the DAC population in prioritizing DACs in Bond Act program proposals.

DEC and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) have developed a matrix (Appendix A) estimating the density of the DAC population in every municipality in New York State. Appendix B provides an estimate of DAC population in each borough of New York City.

Bond Act entities are required to use the matrices (Appendix A and B) to develop scoring and eligibility criteria for relevant programmatic resources that will be allocated community-wide. Scoring and/or evaluation of relevant programmatic resources to be allocated community-wide will account for density of the DAC population served (e.g., municipality with a larger DAC population density receives more points than a municipality with a lower DAC population density).

Additional considerations for Bond Act entities to promote DAC benefits, where applicable, in community-wide Bond Act programs include, but are not limited to:

- requiring applicants to conduct public engagement with DAC stakeholders and outline their engagement plans in their proposal;
- requiring applicants to provide a narrative of how DACs will benefit from their proposals to be used for informational purposes by Bond Act entities; and/or
- requiring evaluations or reports submitted back to the Bond Act entity to include an assessment on progress in DACs.

Accounting for disadvantaged communities in Bond Act spending:

All Bond Act entities are required to maintain an inventory of all relevant programmatic resources allocated to be reported to DEC. The inventory will include, but is not limited to, information regarding allocations intended to benefit DACs or that have the potential for delivering benefits or other positive impacts for DACs. DEC will measure DAC benefits from the Bond Act as set forth below.

Accounting requirements for Bond Act entities

Relevant programmatic resources that are place-based or that can be directed to projects or individuals whose impacts are localized wholly within a disadvantaged community will account for the full amount of their award/allocation as a DAC benefit upon execution of a grant contract with the Bond Act entity awarding Bond Act funds. For place-based Bond Act projects located outside a DAC but determined by the Bond Act entity to serve DACs, DEC will use the project service area approved by the Bond Act entity to calculate the DAC benefit.

Relevant programmatic resources allocated community-wide will be accounted for commensurate with the expected benefits to DACs, using the proposal submitted by the awardee and/or the DAC population matrices (Appendix A and B) as a guide. Table 1 provides examples of accounting for place-based and community-wide programs.

For proposals that are neither place-based nor community-wide, or proposals that span parts of multiple communities, the Bond Act entity will map the project service area to calculate the DAC population benefitting from the project. The DAC map and population matrices (Appendices A and B) effective at the time of application for a grant opportunity will be used to calculate the benefit.

The DAC criteria are reviewed annually by New York State's Climate Justice Working Group, and the working group may vote for changes to DACs during such review. Therefore, tracking and accounting for DAC investments shall be calculated at the time of contract based on an analysis of the project service area with the DAC map and population matrices (Appendices A and B) effective at the time of application for a grant opportunity. The financial calculation to determine what portion of funding is counted toward DAC benefits will be calculated based on the percentage of the project serving DACs as shown in table 1 below.

Table 1. Example of DAC Accounting

Program Type	Total Investment	Investment Occurring in DACs	Percentage Accounted Towards DAC	Total Accounted Towards DAC Compliance	Estimated DAC Population from Appendix

			Compliance		
Municipal Community-wide program	\$20 million	Citywide/ Not specified	60%	\$12 million	60%
Municipal Place-Based program	\$10 million	\$10 million	100%	\$10 million	60%

Attachment A: List of Municipalities that Contain Disadvantaged Community Populations

This list of municipalities was created specifically for use with Climate Smart Communities grant programs. Population data is drawn from the 2010 Census data to align with the Climate Justice Working Group final criteria. Town population is town-outside-village. Final percentages have been rounded following the standard rounding rule, up if over 0.5 and down if under 0.5. Any municipality not listed below was estimated to have no DAC population.

Municipality	Type	County	DAC Percentage
Alabama	Town	Genesee	100%
Albany	City	Albany	52%
Albany	County	Albany	26%
Albion	Village	Orleans	100%
Albion	Town	Orleans	45%
Allegany	County	Allegany	16%
Amenia	Town	Dutchess	100%
Amity	Town	Allegany	83%
Amsterdam	City	Montgomery	85%
Angelica	Town	Allegany	20%
Angelica	Village	Allegany	1%
Arcadia	Town	Wayne	14%
Ashford	Town	Cattaraugus	1%
Athens	Town	Greene	100%
Athens	Village	Greene	100%
Auburn	City	Cayuga	66%
AuSable	Town	Clinton	100%
Babylon	Town	Suffolk	32%
Baldwinsville	Village	Onondaga	38%
Barker	Village	Niagara	100%
Barre	Town	Orleans	100%
Barton	Town	Tioga	3%
Batavia	City	Genesee	31%
Bath	Town	Steuben	100%
Bath	Village	Steuben	100%

Beacon	City	Dutchess	73%
Beekman	Town	Dutchess	14%
Belmont	Village	Allegany	100%
Benton	Town	Yates	11%
Bethel	Town	Sullivan	44%
Bethlehem	Town	Albany	8%
Binghamton	City	Broome	76%
Bombay	Town	Franklin	100%
Brighton	Town	Monroe	19%
Brockport	Village	Monroe	53%
Brocton	Village	Chautauqua	100%
Brookhaven	Town	Suffolk	13%
Broome	County	Broome	32%
Buchanan	Village	Westchester	100%
Buffalo	City	Erie	71%
Butler	Town	Wayne	85%
Canastota	Village	Madison	99%
Carlton	Town	Orleans	28%
Catskill	Village	Greene	100%
Catskill	Town	Greene	45%
Cattaraugus	County	Cattaraugus	18%
Cayuga	County	Cayuga	28%
Chautauqua	County	Chautauqua	29%
Cheektowaga	Town	Erie	19%
Chemung	County	Chemung	28%
Chenango	County	Chenango	6%
Chester	Village	Orange	98%
Chester	Town	Orange	10%
Chili	Town	Monroe	16%
Clarkstown	Town	Rockland	17%
Clarksville	Town	Allegany	50%
Clifton Springs	Village	Ontario	78%
Clinton	County	Clinton	10%
Clyde	Village	Wayne	100%
Cohoes	City	Albany	60%
Collins	Town	Erie	12%
Colonie	Town	Albany	1%
Columbia	County	Columbia	17%
Conquest	Town	Cayuga	100%
Corfu	Village	Genesee	100%
Cortland	City	Cortland	62%

Cortland	County	Cortland	24%
Cortlandt	Town	Westchester	41%
Coxsackie	Village	Greene	99%
Coxsackie	Town	Greene	3%
Cuba	Village	Allegany	100%
Cuba	Town	Allegany	74%
Deerpark	Town	Orange	100%
Delaware	County	Delaware	12%
DeWitt	Town	Onondaga	29%
Dickinson	Town	Broome	100%
Dover	Town	Dutchess	44%
Dresden	Village	Yates	100%
Dundee	Village	Yates	100%
Dunkirk	City	Chautauqua	100%
Dunkirk	Town	Chautauqua	100%
Dutchess	County	Dutchess	45%
East Fishkill	Town	Dutchess	17%
East Syracuse	Village	Onondaga	100%
Elbridge	Town	Onondaga	100%
Elbridge	Village	Onondaga	100%
Ellenville	Village	Ulster	99%
Ellicottville	Town	Cattaraugus	14%
Elmira	City	Chemung	64%
Elmira	Town	Chemung	1%
Elmira Heights	Village	Chemung	48%
Elmsford	Village	Westchester	83%
Endicott	Village	Broome	68%
Enfield	Town	Tompkins	3%
Erie	County	Erie	25%
Esopus	Town	Ulster	38%
Fallsburg	Town	Sullivan	100%
Farmersville	Town	Cattaraugus	37%
Fenner	Town	Madison	99%
Fishkill	Village	Dutchess	100%
Fishkill	Town	Dutchess	66%
Fonda	Village	Montgomery	100%
Fort Covington	Town	Franklin	100%
Fort Plain	Village	Montgomery	100%
Franklin	County	Franklin	16%
Franklinville	Village	Cattaraugus	100%
Franklinville	Town	Cattaraugus	89%

Freeport	Village	Nassau	72%
Friendship	Town	Allegany	88%
Fulton	City	Oswego	75%
Fulton	County	Fulton	19%
Fultonville	Village	Montgomery	100%
Gaines	Town	Orleans	59%
Galen	Town	Wayne	100%
Gates	Town	Monroe	51%
Geddes	Town	Onondaga	30%
Genesee	County	Genesee	19%
Geneva	City	Ontario	34%
German Flatts	Town	Herkimer	1%
Glen	Town	Montgomery	100%
Glen Cove	City	Nassau	49%
Glens Falls	City	Warren	30%
Gloversville	City	Fulton	43%
Goshen	Town	Orange	88%
Goshen	Village	Orange	53%
Granby	Town	Oswego	100%
Great Valley	Town	Cattaraugus	10%
Greece	Town	Monroe	18%
Greene	County	Greene	30%
Green Island	Village	Albany	100%
Greenport	Town	Columbia	100%
Greenport	Village	Suffolk	100%
Hamlin	Town	Monroe	47%
Hammond	Village	St. Lawrence	100%
Hammond	Town	St. Lawrence	76%
Hanover	Town	Chautauqua	59%
Harriman	Village	Orange	100%
Harrison	Village	Westchester	13%
Haverstraw	Village	Rockland	100%
Haverstraw	Town	Rockland	49%
Hempstead	Village	Nassau	90%
Hempstead	Town	Nassau	14%
Henrietta	Town	Monroe	12%
Herkimer	Village	Herkimer	26%
Herkimer	County	Herkimer	13%
Heuvelton	Village	St. Lawrence	100%
Highland Falls	Village	Orange	30%
Highlands	Town	Orange	21%

Hillburn	Village	Rockland	100%
Holley	Village	Orleans	60%
Horseheads	Village	Chemung	44%
Horseheads	Town	Chemung	13%
Hudson	City	Columbia	100%
Hudson Falls	Village	Washington	66%
Humphrey	Town	Cattaraugus	8%
Huntington	Town	Suffolk	5%
Hyde Park	Town	Dutchess	84%
Ilion	Village	Herkimer	42%
Irondequoit	Town	Monroe	17%
Islandia	Village	Suffolk	100%
Islip	Town	Suffolk	20%
Ithaca	City	Tompkins	19%
Ithaca	Town	Tompkins	5%
Jamestown	City	Chautauqua	45%
Jefferson	County	Jefferson	13%
Johnson City	Village	Broome	36%
Johnstown	City	Fulton	46%
Jordan	Village	Onondaga	100%
Kingston	Town	Ulster	100%
Kingston	City	Ulster	65%
Kirkwood	Town	Broome	100%
Lackawanna	City	Erie	51%
Lenox	Town	Madison	23%
Liberty	Village	Sullivan	100%
Liberty	Town	Sullivan	67%
Lincoln	Town	Madison	100%
Livingston	County	Livingston	5%
Lloyd	Town	Ulster	100%
Lockport	City	Niagara	56%
Lockport	Town	Niagara	36%
Long Beach	City	Nassau	19%
Lyndon	Town	Cattaraugus	10%
Lyndonville	Village	Orleans	100%
Lyons	Town	Wayne	64%
Machias	Town	Cattaraugus	22%
Madison	County	Madison	26%
Mamaroneck	Village	Westchester	51%
Manchester	Village	Ontario	100%
Manchester	Town	Ontario	74%

Marlborough	Town	Ulster	45%
Massena	Village	St. Lawrence	62%
Massena	Town	St. Lawrence	18%
Maybrook	Village	Orange	100%
Medina	Village	Orleans	43%
Menands	Village	Albany	100%
Mentz	Town	Cayuga	100%
Middleport	Village	Niagara	100%
Middletown	City	Orange	88%
Milo	Town	Yates	13%
Minden	Town	Montgomery	46%
Minisink	Town	Orange	100%
Mohawk	Village	Herkimer	100%
Mohawk	Town	Montgomery	100%
Monroe	County	Monroe	32%
Monroe	Town	Orange	15%
Monroe	Village	Orange	14%
Montgomery	Village	Orange	100%
Montgomery	Town	Orange	75%
Montgomery	County	Montgomery	68%
Monticello	Village	Sullivan	100%
Mount Kisco	Village	Westchester	41%
Mount Morris	Village	Livingston	100%
Mount Pleasant	Town	Westchester	5%
Mount Vernon	City	Westchester	89%
Munnsville	Village	Madison	100%
Murray	Town	Orleans	90%
Nassau	County	Nassau	17%
Nelliston	Village	Montgomery	100%
Newark	Village	Wayne	99%
Newburgh	City	Orange	100%
Newburgh	Town	Orange	85%
Newfane	Town	Niagara	30%
Newfield	Town	Tompkins	2%
New Paltz	Village	Ulster	100%
New Paltz	Town	Ulster	20%
New Rochelle	City	Westchester	71%
New Windsor	Town	Orange	100%
New York	City	Multiple	49%
Niagara	Town	Niagara	100%
Niagara	County	Niagara	43%

Niagara Falls	City	Niagara	84%
North Hempstead	Town	Nassau	6%
North Tonawanda	City	Niagara	31%
Norwich	City	Chenango	43%
Nyack	Village	Rockland	100%
Ogdensburg	City	St. Lawrence	100%
Olean	City	Cattaraugus	25%
Oneida	City	Madison	55%
Oneida	County	Oneida	24%
Oneonta	City	Otsego	22%
Onondaga	County	Onondaga	31%
Onondaga	Town	Onondaga	10%
Ontario	County	Ontario	13%
Orange	County	Orange	52%
Orangetown	Town	Rockland	8%
Orleans	County	Orleans	62%
Ossining	Village	Westchester	85%
Oswegatchie	Town	St. Lawrence	84%
Oswego	City	Oswego	100%
Oswego	County	Oswego	30%
Otsego	County	Otsego	5%
Owego	Village	Tioga	100%
Oyster Bay	Town	Nassau	2%
Palatine	Town	Montgomery	100%
Palatine Bridge	Village	Montgomery	100%
Patchogue	Village	Suffolk	100%
Peekskill	City	Westchester	100%
Pembroke	Town	Genesee	83%
Penfield	Town	Monroe	4%
Plattekill	Town	Ulster	52%
Plattsburgh	Town	Clinton	18%
Plattsburgh	City	Clinton	16%
Pomfret	Town	Chautauqua	87%
Port Byron	Village	Cayuga	100%
Port Chester	Village	Westchester	61%
Port Dickinson	Village	Broome	100%
Porter	Town	Niagara	81%
Port Jervis	City	Orange	100%
Portland	Town	Chautauqua	100%
Poughkeepsie	City	Dutchess	89%
Poughkeepsie	Town	Dutchess	64%

Pulaski	Village	Oswego	100%
Red Creek	Village	Wayne	100%
Red Hook	Town	Dutchess	17%
Rensselaer	City	Rensselaer	100%
Rensselaer	County	Rensselaer	28%
Riverhead	Town	Suffolk	56%
Rochester	City	Monroe	83%
Rockland	County	Rockland	28%
Rockville Centre	Village	Nassau	22%
Rome	City	Oneida	41%
Root	Town	Montgomery	100%
Rose	Town	Wayne	100%
Rosendale	Town	Ulster	48%
Rossie	Town	St. Lawrence	100%
Rotterdam	Town	Schenectady	10%
Salamanca	City	Cattaraugus	94%
Salina	Town	Onondaga	38%
Saugerties	Village	Ulster	100%
Saugerties	Town	Ulster	38%
Savannah	Town	Wayne	100%
Savona	Village	Steuben	100%
Schenectady	City	Schenectady	67%
Schenectady	County	Schenectady	30%
Scio	Town	Allegany	13%
Seneca	County	Seneca	26%
Seneca Falls	Town	Seneca	57%
Shelby	Town	Orleans	51%
Shortsville	Village	Ontario	100%
Sidney	Town	Delaware	100%
Sidney	Village	Delaware	100%
Sleepy Hollow	Village	Westchester	69%
Smithfield	Town	Madison	100%
Sodus	Town	Wayne	100%
Sodus	Village	Wayne	100%
Sodus Point	Village	Wayne	100%
Solvay	Village	Onondaga	39%
Somerset	Town	Niagara	100%
Southampton	Town	Suffolk	25%
South Nyack	Village	Rockland	100%
Spring Valley	Village	Rockland	79%
Starkey	Town	Yates	100%

Steuben	County	Steuben	13%
St. Johnsville	Village	Montgomery	100%
St. Johnsville	Town	Montgomery	34%
St. Lawrence	County	St. Lawrence	24%
Stockbridge	Town	Madison	100%
Stony Point	Town	Rockland	30%
Suffern	Village	Rockland	29%
Suffolk	County	Suffolk	16%
Sullivan	County	Sullivan	45%
Syracuse	City	Onondaga	74%
Tarrytown	Village	Westchester	44%
Thompson	Town	Sullivan	60%
Tioga	County	Tioga	16%
Tivoli	Village	Dutchess	100%
Tompkins	County	Tompkins	6%
Tonawanda	City	Erie	15%
Tonawanda	Town	Erie	9%
Torrey	Town	Yates	88%
Troy	City	Rensselaer	70%
Ulster	Town	Ulster	100%
Ulster	County	Ulster	47%
Union	Town	Broome	9%
Unionville	Village	Orange	100%
Utica	City	Oneida	67%
Valley Stream	Village	Nassau	47%
Van Buren	Town	Onondaga	2%
Walden	Village	Orange	100%
Wallkill	Town	Orange	69%
Wappinger	Town	Dutchess	30%
Wappingers Falls	Village	Dutchess	100%
Warren	County	Warren	7%
Washington	County	Washington	8%
Watertown	City	Jefferson	57%
Watervliet	City	Albany	100%
Waverly	Village	Tioga	95%
Wawarsing	Town	Ulster	80%
Wawayanda	Town	Orange	63%
Wayne	County	Wayne	39%
Westbury	Village	Nassau	29%
Westchester	County	Westchester	44%
Westhampton Beach	Village	Suffolk	100%

West Haverstraw	Village	Rockland	100%
West Seneca	Town	Erie	16%
Westville	Town	Franklin	100%
White Plains	City	Westchester	57%
Wirt	Town	Allegany	16%
Wolcott	Village	Wayne	100%
Wolcott	Town	Wayne	65%
Woodridge	Village	Sullivan	100%
Yates	Town	Orleans	100%
Yates	County	Yates	23%
Yonkers	City	Westchester	79%
Youngstown	Village	Niagara	4%

Appendix B: New York City Boroughs Estimated Disadvantaged Community Population

Population data is drawn from the 2010 Census data to align with the Climate Justice Working Group final criteria. DAC population is estimated as a percentage of the borough's population. Final percentages have been rounded following the standard rounding rule, up if 0.5 and over and down if under 0.5.

NYC Borough	County	DAC Percentage
Bronx	Bronx	89%
Brooklyn	Kings	45%
Manhattan	New York	44%
Queens	Queens	36%
Staten Island	Richmond	30%

Public comments on the guidelines are to be submitted in writing to the contact listed below and will be accepted until Monday, July 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

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