The scope of building codes is expanding to address the health, performance, comfort and services that people expect in buildings with the least adverse impact on natural resources and environmental health.
What Happens When Green Becomes Code?

“When you change codes, it means that everyone can live in a green building; everyone can have healthier air and live in a space that’s consistent with their values.”

Russell Unger,
NYC Green Codes Task Force steering committee chair
International Green Construction Code

- Site Development and Land Use
- Materials Resources
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Efficiency
- Indoor Environmental Quality
- Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance

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ICC Code Development Process

Code Officials, Design Professionals, Trade Associations, Builders/Contractors, Manufactures/Suppliers, Government Agencies
The International Green Construction Code Is

- **Integrated**: Designed to coordinate and integrate with the health and safety features of existing I-Codes and existing rating systems such as LEED.
- **Adaptable**: As a “model” code, it can be adapted to address local conditions. It requires adoption by a governing jurisdiction before it becomes law.
- **Enforceable**: Creates a regulatory framework for new and existing commercial buildings. Rating systems awards point and are not written in the form of enforceable codes.

**Organizational Framework**

1. **Baseline Requirements**
   - Minimum core requirements
2. **Jurisdictional requirements**
   - Jurisdiction may require enhanced measures
3. **Project Electives**
   - Jurisdiction determine minimum number of electives for the designer or owner to select from
Closing Gap between IgCC and LEED

Closing gap between minimum code requirements and criteria for LEED certification

Raising the Standard of Care
Alignment of Market and Standards

- Rating Programs
- Government Policy
- Standards & Codes
- Market Supply & Demand
- Green Awareness