



Concept Review

Starting Large Projects On The Right Path

The Department of Buildings (DOB) is at the center of the District's economic development and wants to offer project owners guidance to help ensure a smooth permitting process.

That's why we came up with the **Concept Review (CR)** program.

Program Overview

- ▶ Informal meeting with DOB staff on items such as preliminary design, building code, inspections, or zoning.
- ▶ Ideal for projects in the early stages of design, to identify significant concerns and prevent delays.
- ▶ Is not formal plan review or approval, but offers guidance.



Projects Best Suited for a Concept Review

Large projects that may require multi-agency coordination:

- New construction that exceeds 10,000 square feet in gross floor area
- Downtown office conversions
- Multifamily construction or renovation
- Townhome development of more than 5 units
- Large-scale commercial, industrial, or institutional projects
- Residential buildings in non-residential zoned areas
- Net-Zero Green Development



Want To Apply?

Check out our **Concept Review** webpage:

dob.dc.gov/concept-review