# Manufacturing A Sustainable New York

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The New York Industrial Retention Network is the only citywide organization that is committed to both preserving and creating blue-collar jobs and supporting sustainable development.

Direct contact with > 300 companies/yr

– Served 2,200 companies since 1997



## Why save blue-collar jobs? A Diverse Population Requires A Diverse Economy

#### - The manufacturing workforce:

- 78% are people of color
- 63% are immigrants
- 24% have not completed high school
- The manufacturing sector provides career ladders and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Manufacturing adds wealth & brings stability to overall City economy



## Citywide Impact Blue-Collar jobs are a significant part of the City's economy

#### **Employment by Sector**

Retail282,000Finance272,000Industry230,000\*(manufacturing, warehousing, transportation & utilities)Information163,000Real Estate120,000

\*There are an additional 119,000 jobs in construction.

Source: NYS Dept. of Labor, Dec 2006



### Manufacturing provides decent jobs

### **Comparative Annual Wages**

<u>Sectors</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Wages</u>	<u>% w/ Health</u> <u>Coverage</u>	
Manufacturing	\$48,300	63%	
Retail	\$32,700	38%	
Restaurants	\$21,700	18%	

Source: NYS DOL Year-End 2005; County Business Patterns, 2003

### Job Quality

### Manufacturing Jobs Are Getting Better

	Manufacturing	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Restaurant</u>
2000 Wage	\$35,700	\$27,700	\$19,400
2005 Wage	\$48,300	\$32,700	\$21,700
% Change	35.3%	18.0%	11.9%

#### Total Inflation for NYC Region 2000-2005: 20.9%

Wages from NYS DOL 2005 year-end data; Inflation from Bureau of Labor Statistics; Annual Consumer Price Index for NY Metro Area, March 2007

#### **Community Impacts**

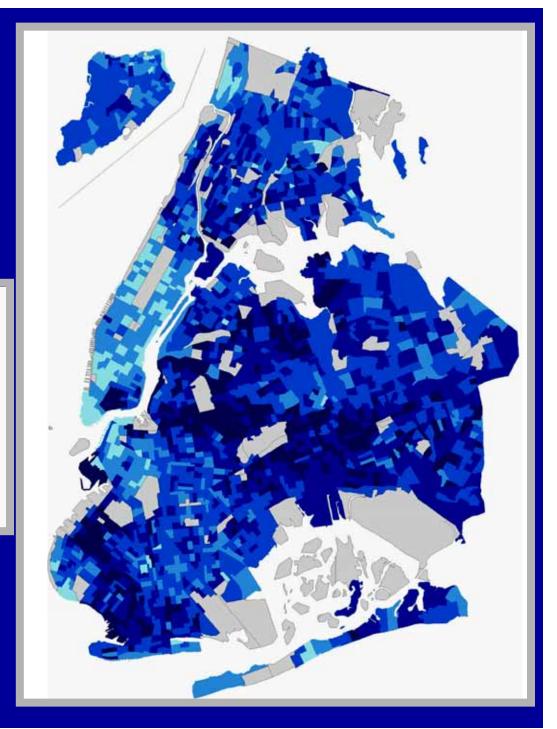
### Blue-collar jobs are vital to many neighborhood economies

#### Percent of Workers in Industrial Jobs

- Greater than 20%
- 16% 20%
- 11% 15%
- 6% 10%
- 5% or Less
- No Employment Data

Industrial sector includes Manufacturing, Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities

Source: U.S. Census, 2000



# **Opportunities For Growth: Green**

# Manufacturing Initiative

*Goal:* To create jobs by helping local manufacturers capitalize on the growing market for green building materials and products

- <u>Building Green</u> (2005) and <u>Manufacturing Green</u> (2006)
- LEED Sustainable Building Standards include a preference for locally manufactured building products
- 570 LEED construction projects in NY market
- 1,500 NY manufacturers make building products



IceStone in Brooklyn uses recycled glass to make countertops

### PlaNYC: Green Energy Cluster

 Growth of Distributed Energy Systems will create cluster in design, financing, manufacture, installation and maintenance
Local Procurement ?

Areas with many tall buildings Potential for shading, bad for solar

A high concentration of good solar sites are in industrial neighborhoods



Marjam Supply in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn

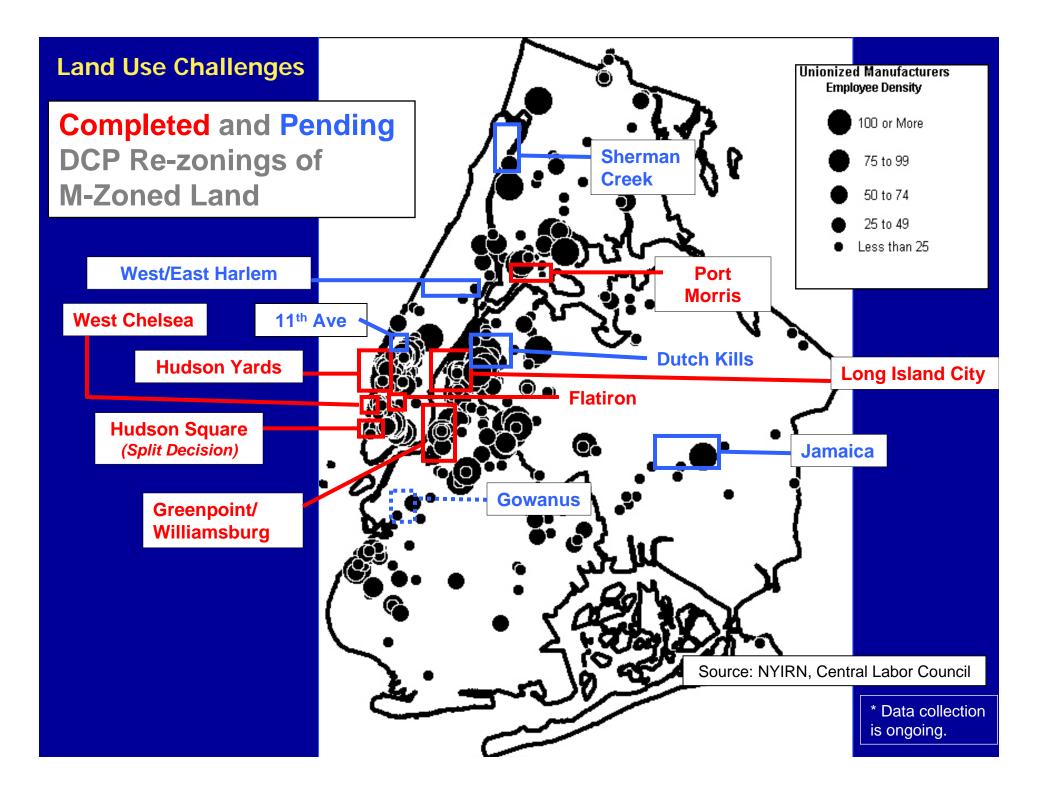
- 77 Million sq. ft.
- Improve competitiveness
- Reduce demand on grid
- Need for Net Metering



*Goal*: To strengthen food manufacturing sector and create jobs by helping small companies expand.

- 900+ companies
- 19,200 people
- 2,300 self-employed
- Diversity is NYC's competitive advantage
- Services include:
  - Real estate assistance + ABC incubator
  - Mentoring + Road Map
  - www.foodfromnewyork.org





ZONING FOR JOBSMaking Space for New York's Working Economy

Citywide campaign, involving over 50 groups to:

- Raise awareness of important role bluecollars jobs play in the City's and many neighborhood economies
- Advocate for and implement new zoning and other land use tools to help create jobs and empower communities

# Zoning For Jobs: Land Use Tools Industrial Employment Districts

- New type of zoning
- Limit conversion of manufacturing space through Special Permits
- Located in solid manufacturing areas and adjacent to areas being rezoned
- Reduce speculative pressures
- Council Resolution introduced by CM Katz



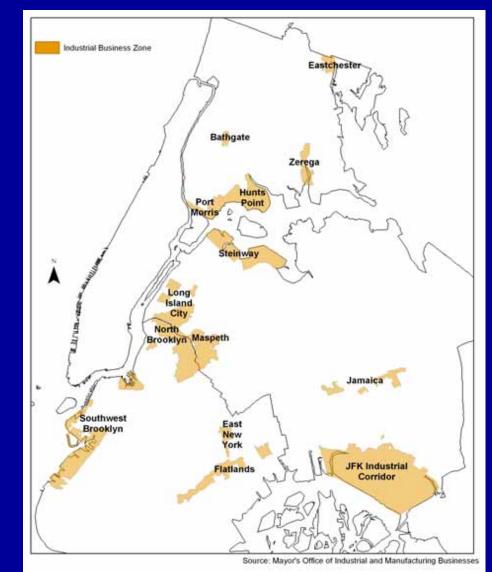
Examples: Industrial Parks in Sunset Park, Long Island City, East Williamsburg

### Administration's Industrial Policy

Established Mayor's Office of Industrial and Manufacturing Businesses

#### Created Industrial Business Zone Program:

- + Consensus that real estate instability is driving out companies and some areas should remain industrial
- + Commitment to discourage residential development
- Not zoning changeable and lacks enforcement
- Permits non-industrial uses
- Does not provide for community consultation



# **Conclusion:**

Tremendous vitality in industrial sector and growth opportunities Need for new land use tools to stabilize industrial areas and encourage reinvestment

