

# GREENER, GREATER BUILDINGS SPELLS GREATER NUMBER OF JOBS FOR NYC

In what many see to be the most significant action to date to meet PlaNYC's commitment to reduce New York's emissions, the six-point *Greener, Greater Buildings Plan* is expected to create 17,880 jobs and save energy consumers \$700 million per year.

The plan includes four bills laying out a New York Energy Code for the renovation of existing buildings, mandates benchmark analyses of power consumption for large buildings and upgrades to lighting systems for large commercial buildings and imposes an energy bill requiring private buildings to have energy audits



New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn hold a press conference on energy efficiency.

every decade and implement green maintenance practices while requiring large city-owned structures (over 10,000 square feet) to apply sustainable retrofits that will recoup cost within seven years.

In addition to the new bills, the plan establishes two programs that will train workers for the additional jobs created by this program and help to finance energy-saving improvements with \$16 million in federal stimulus funding—the maximum such a program can employ.

Approximately 80 percent of New York City’s carbon footprint comes from building energy use. With 85 percent of all buildings in use today expected to be in use by 2030, the importance of reducing the current infrastructure’s footprint is clear. PlaNYC claims as one of its goals a 30

percent reduction of carbon emissions by 2030. Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn stated that the new legislation brings New York closer than ever to that goal, announcing that the legislation “will bring our aging infrastructure into the 21st century, reduce carbon emissions, lower energy costs, and create thousands of green jobs.”

*The Greener, Greater Buildings Plan* is expected to reduce carbon emissions in New York City by 4.75 percent, the largest such reduction to date achieved by a single program. ■

## Green Job Training Programs

[CLICK HERE TO](#) Download our list of NYC training providers who have programs that promote and advance the appropriate skills development needed to participate in the green economy.

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