

VISION FOR THE LONG ISLAND REGION

This vision of the Long Island Regional Council for long-term economic growth foresees a region proximate to one of the world's great centers of commerce and finance, enhanced by some of the Northeast's most beautiful coastline and farmland, energized by its continuing tradition of innovation from its past as the cradle of aviation and space exploration and the birthplace of nuclear medicine, MRI, and Maglev, to a bright future as a prosperous, internationally-recognized, sustainable, knowledge-based economy with opportunity for all Long Islanders. 'Lean Long Island' will be a dynamic economic ecosystem distinguished by close, ongoing collaboration among academia, the private sector and government that fosters continuing innovation in technology, business processes and "green" utilization of our natural resources, maximizes the productivity of our advanced manufacturing base and our highly-skilled and educated workforce and the intellectual output of our world-class research laboratories and universities, optimizes our entrepreneurial assets, and successfully integrates commercial enterprises in every sector to serve a vibrant regional community.

To achieve this vision, the LI Strategic Plan will encourage creative, collaborative entrepreneurial partnerships to overcome long-standing impediments to growth and unleash Long Island's unrealized job-generating capacity in order to make the region a global center of innovation.

Accordingly, we will strive to:

- * translate the research conducted at our world-class research institutions into commerce and mobilize their specialized resources to advance our vital high-technology industry base, especially in the areas of defense and homeland security, information technology, life sciences, and clean energy, to accelerate the LI economy and generate regional wealth;
- * invest in our transportation, housing and sewer infrastructure to create a sustainable economy that revitalizes downtowns and protects and our natural environment; and
- * train and educate a workforce that will provide the talent pool necessary to keep Long Island globally competitive and allow our region to retain and attract new businesses.

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