

Plattsburgh Empire Zone

The goal of the NYS Empire Zone Program is to maintain and increase Plattsburgh's economic vitality. The City of Plattsburgh Office of Community Development administers Plattsburgh's New York State Empire Zone (EZ).

Plattsburgh's Empire Zone welcomes qualified businesses with a wide array of enticing benefits. The two square mile EZ - a blend of commercial, retail and industrial properties - is home to over 80 businesses. Part of the Plattsburgh Empire Zone is located at the Air Industrial Park. This site offers excellent opportunities and is managed by The Development Corp

Among the local benefits that businesses may enjoy in the EZ are: investment tax credits, power rate reductions and exemptions, telephone rate reductions, real property tax abatements, mortgage tax abatements, and sales tax abatements. New York State provides tax credits for new employees, investments in tangible property, and for sales taxes paid on tangible property. Economic State Development also provides grants for employee training programs and facilities.

In 2008, *fDi Magazine*, a publication of the *Financial Times* aimed at the foreign direct investment community worldwide, identified Plattsburgh, New York as one of the top Ten Small Cities of the Future.

The City of Plattsburgh is located in one of the most economically strategic points in the Northeast; one hour from Montreal, Quebec; Burlington, Vermont and Lake Placid, New York. An excellent transportation network - including rail service, highways, and an international port - makes it convenient and affordable for businesses to deliver their products to these markets. Plattsburgh also offers a great quality of life and is home to Clinton Community College and Plattsburgh State University, the North Country Cultural Center for the Arts and one of the highest performing labor pools in the country.

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