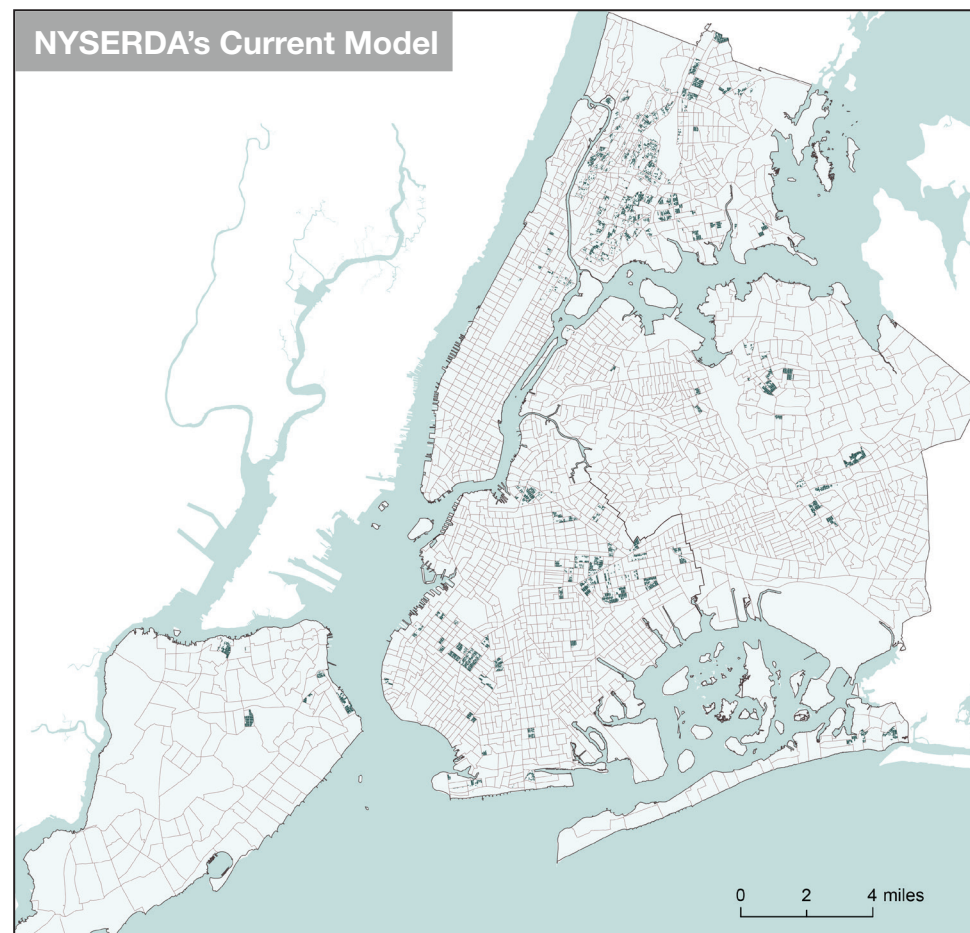


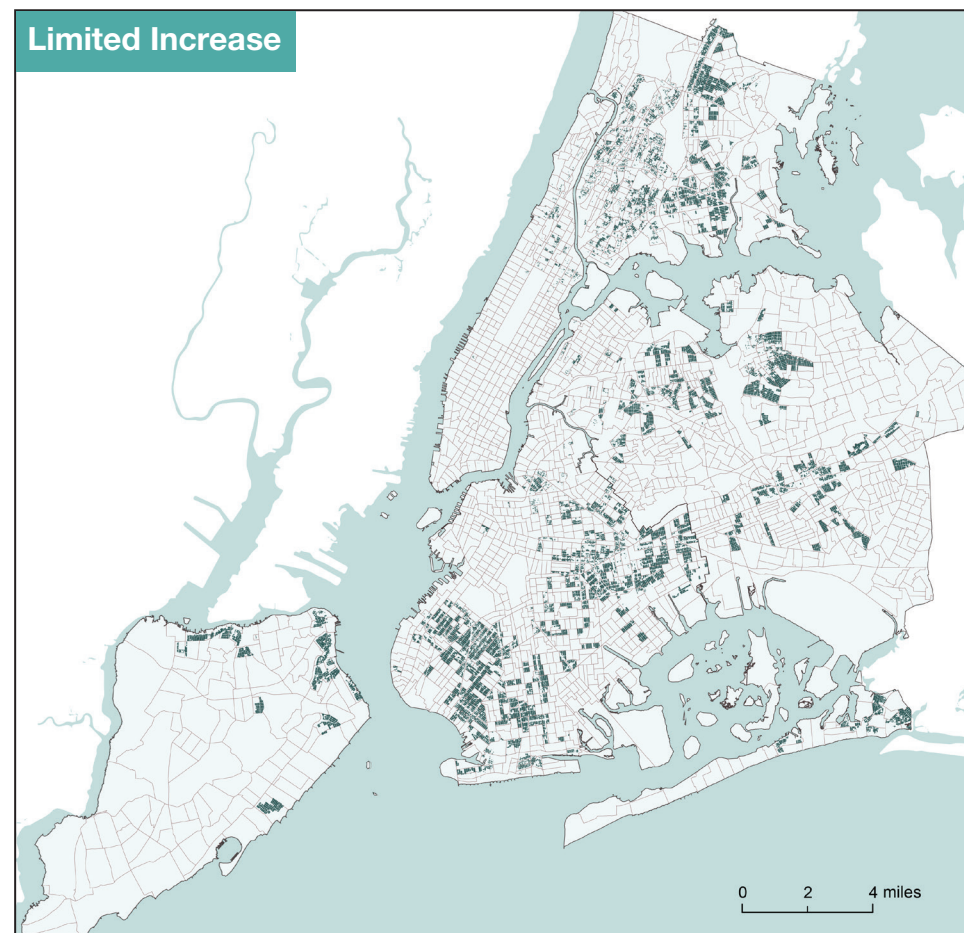
Adjusting Income Eligibility Thresholds Would Make New York's Empower+ Far More Impactful in New York City

NYSERDA chooses to use State Median Income (SMI) to define eligibility for its Empower+ low-income incentive program, which covers 100% of energy upgrade costs for low-income households. However, State Median Income is a blunt tool, which does not account for variations in cost of living in localities across New York. This program design choice by NYSERDA actively excludes tens of thousands of low-income and Black and Brown households from accessing the support they need. It also hinders the State from meeting its climate goals. Increasing income limits based on the models below would achieve between 5–12 times more carbon reductions as the number of households receiving energy upgrades increases exponentially.



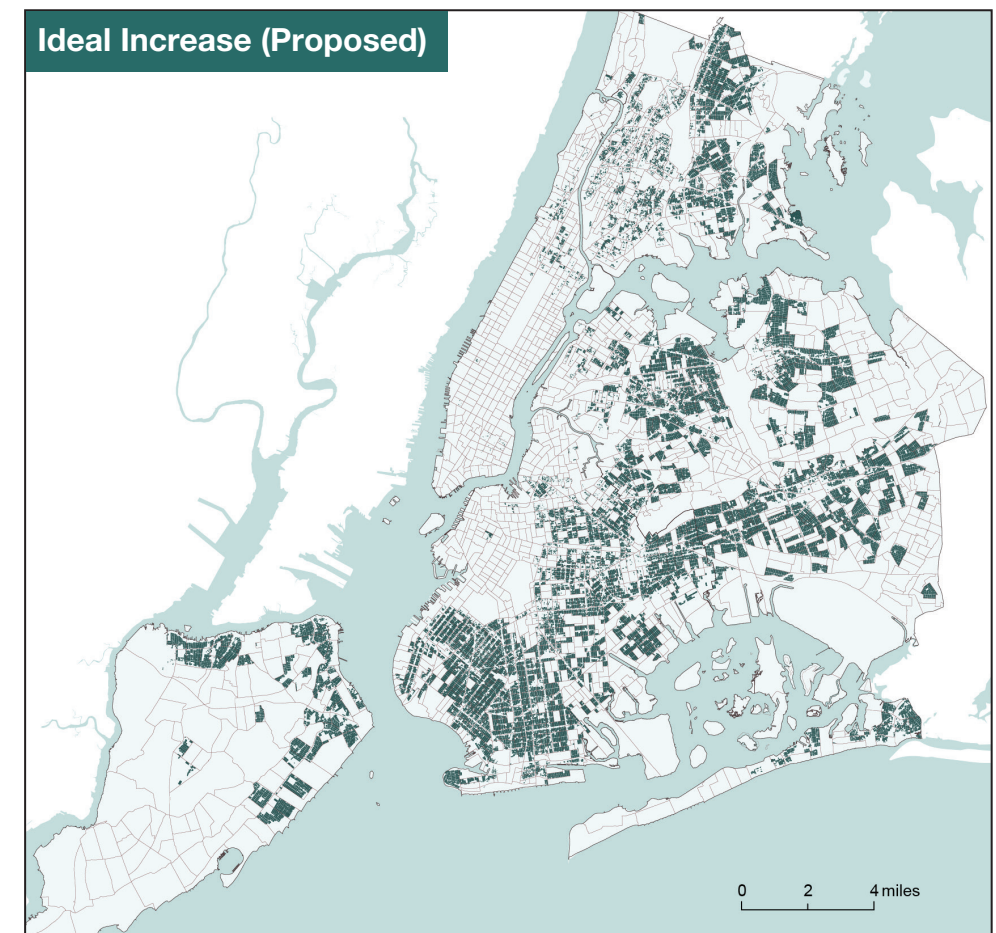
1-4 family buildings in census tracts below 60% State Median Income

2-Person Median Household Income Limit.....\$44,763
Total Number of 1-4 Family Buildings.....37,497



1-4 family buildings in census tracts below 60% Area Median Income

2-Person Median Household Income Limit.....\$67,800
Total Number of 1-4 Family Buildings.....178,975



1-4 family buildings in census tracts below 80% Area Median Income

2-Person Median Household Income Limit.....\$90,400
Total Number of 1-4 Family Buildings.....433,185

