Jobenomics specializes in mass-producing veteran, women, minority, and new workforce entrant startup businesses in underserved communities.



# Jobenomics Veteran Owned Business Program's proposed pilot project is a Veteran Owned Live-Work Community at 206 Greensboro Drive, High Point, on 1-74.

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## JVOBP High Point Key Points

Jobenomics Veteran Owned Business Program (JVOBP)

- Vets have proven service expertise and skills.
- Retired "super sergeants" know how to transform young adults into fully-functioning team members and responsible citizens.
- Piedmont Triad Region has 98,379 veterans with a total potential borrowing and buying power of tens of billions of dollars.



- High Point JVOBP leverages these resources to transform an underserved, poor and crime-ridden community.
- Our Jobenomics Veteran Owned Live-Work Community (aka Vets Village) will feature a safe neighborhood with:
  - Energy-efficient, hi-tech, affordable homes.
  - State-of-the-art, eye-popping commercial enterprises.

Our Vets Village will transform an obscure under-resourced neighborhood to a model regional destination.

## **Jobenomics**

#### JOBENOMICS High Point, NC

#### **Nonpartisan Grassroots Movement**

- Since 2010, estimated audience of 30 million
- Extensive free library at Jobenomics.com
- Eleven books and ninety special reports on economic, community, small business and workforce development
- Jobenomics America TV launched in 2018

#### **Country, Regional & City Programs**

- USA: Dozens of city, & regional chapters
- International: Canada, Colombia, Arabia (Dubai, UAE), West Africa (Accra, Ghana)





Jobenomics.com

Primary focus: mass-producing startup businesses in underserved and under-resourced communities.

## **Economic Development Strategies**



#### Traditional Top-Down Approach

Attract One \$100,000,000/year Macro Enterprise



#### Jobenomics Bottom-Up Approach

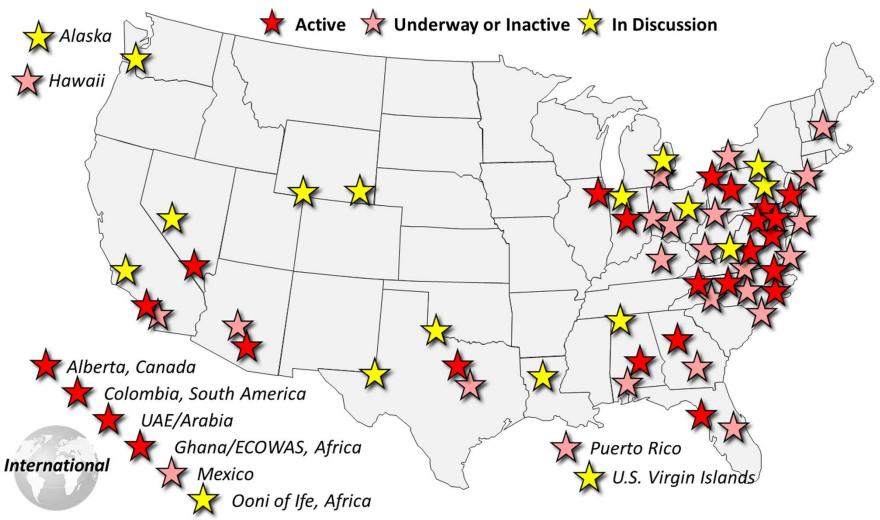
\$100,000/year
Micro Businesses &
Nonemployer Firms



Under-resourced communities that cannot attract big companies can mass-produce startup firms—the seed corn of local economies.

## **Jobenomics Chapters**

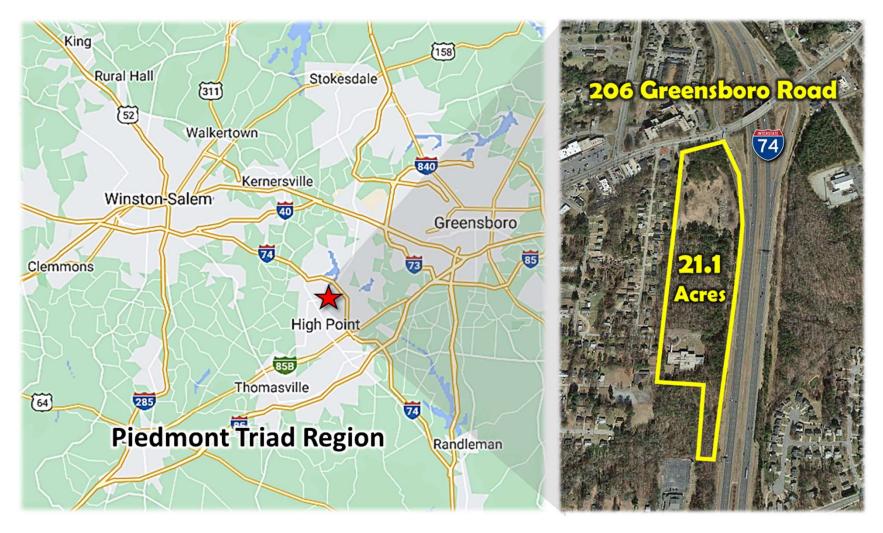




Jobenomics High Point is our newest Chapter that will focus on creating a Veteran Owned Live-Work Community.

## JVOBP "Vets Village" Pilot Project

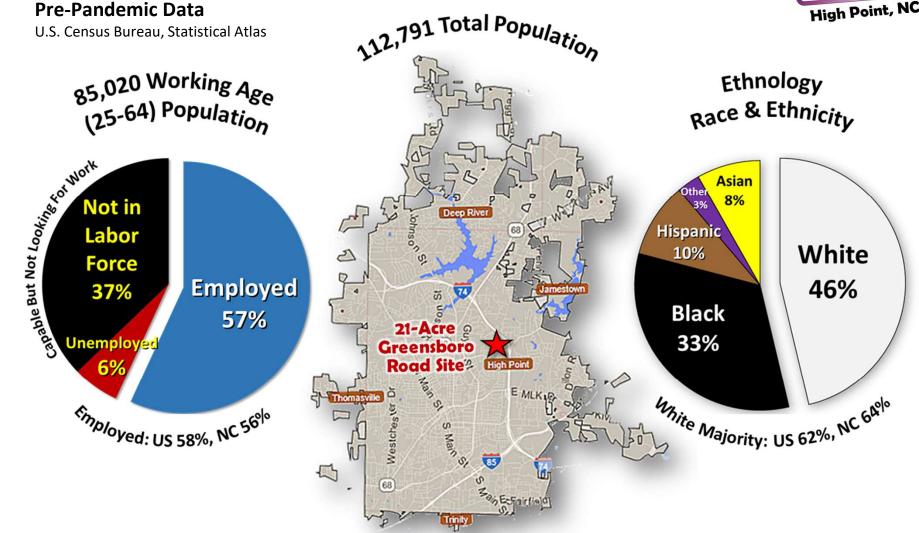




Our proposed 21-acre pilot project in High Point is centrally-located in the center of the Triad Region with easy I-74 access.

## **High Point Labor Force Profile**





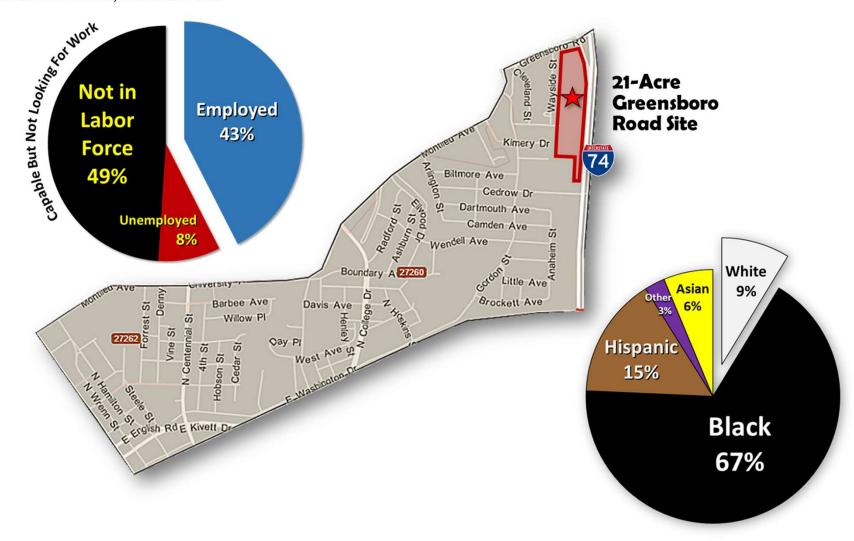
High Point is a 54% minority city with 57% of its working age population (36,639 adults) without jobs. COVID-2021 continues to claim lives and livelihoods mainly in under-resourced neighborhoods.

## **Neighborhood Labor Force Profile**



Zip Code 27260, Census Tract 013800, Population 4,664

U.S. Census Bureau, Statistical Atlas



Neighborhood population is 91% minority and 67% Black. Before COVID-19, 57% of working age adults did not have jobs.

#### Median Household Income

**Pre-Pandemic Data** 



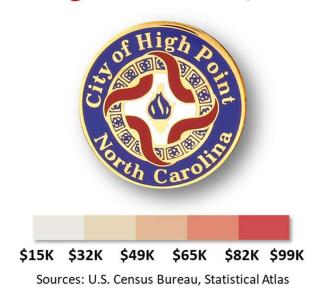
U.S. \$61,937

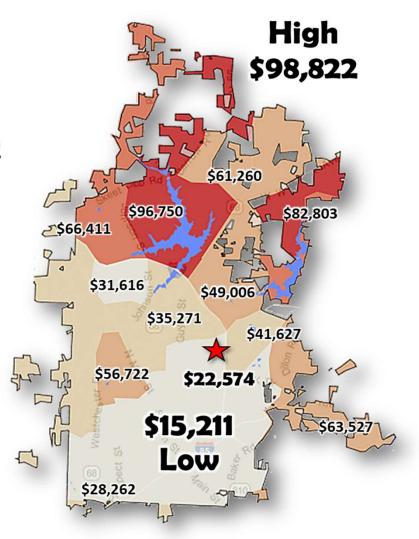
North Carolina \$53,855

High Point \$45,373

High Point Township \$36,462

**Greensboro Pilot Project Neighborhood \$22,574** 



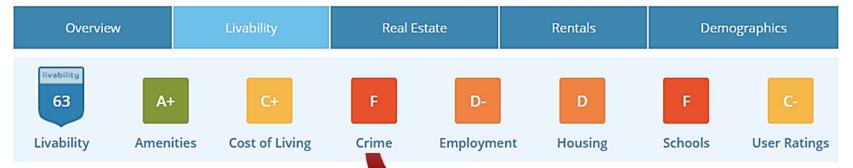


The best way to resolve income inequality is to provide income opportunities by mass-producing minority-owned businesses.

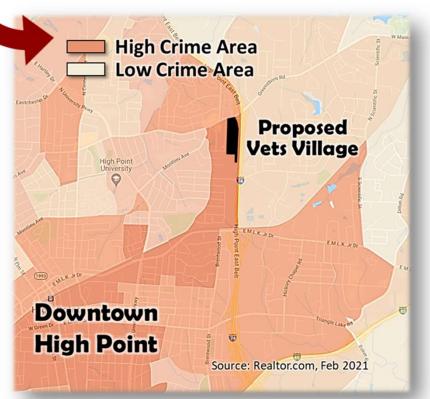
## **High Point Livability**







- High Point's Livability Score (63/100) is in the lower third of 20,700 ranked US cities and 415<sup>th</sup> ranked city in North Carolina.
- A Veteran Owned Business Program would improve housing (D), employment (D-), schools (F) and reduce crime (F).

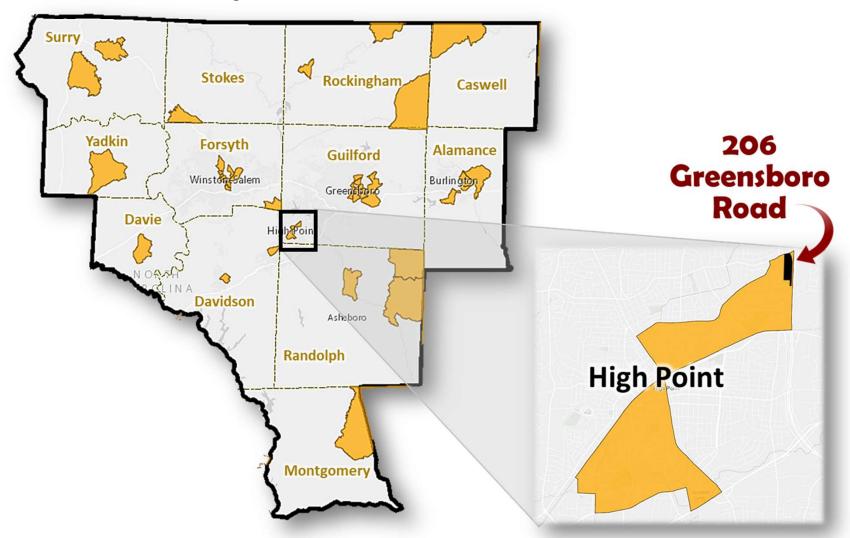


1% of startup business growth reduces crime and poverty by 2%.

## **Triad Region Opportunity Zone Map**



Source: Piedmont Triad Regional Council



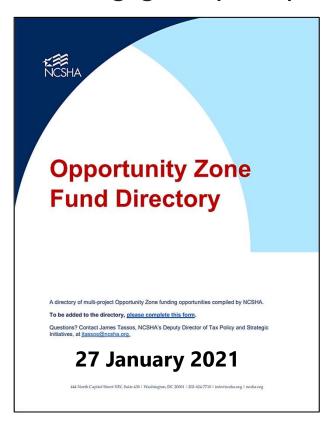
The Jobenomics High Point Veteran Owned Business Program is a model that can be replicated across the Piedmont Triad Region.

## **Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF)**



- A Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) is an investment vehicle for investing in eligible property located in an Opportunity Zone.
- Investing in an Opportunity Zone can significantly the reduce investor and corporate capital gains tax burden.
- As of 27 January 2021, NCSHA lists:
  - 222 total QOFs with \$46.5 billion total anticipated investment.
  - 62% target affordable housing and community development.

National Council of State Housing Agencies (NCSHA)



https://www.ncsha.org/resource/op portunity-zone-fund-directory/

Almost all QOFs call for mixed-use real estate projects.



## Jobenomics High Point's Veterans Live-Work Community Pilot Program

"Vets Village"

Working Title

## **Piedmont Triad Region Vets & VOBs**





Veteran Status	USA	North Carolina	Triad Region	Guilford County	High Point
Total Veterans	18,230,322	659,584	98,379	27,868	5,950
Veteran Owned Businesses (VOBs)	2,521,682	86,571	12,846	4,438	824

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Quick Facts, Retrieved 10 March 2021

The Triad Region has significant veteran and veteran-owned business resources that can be utilized for post-pandemic economic, community, business, and workforce development.

## **Minority Veteran Report**

## JOBENOMICS High Point, NC

#### VA Minority Veterans Report, November 2020



#### **Demographic Characteristics**

- 5 million total minority veterans.
- 1/4 of all vets, growing to 1/3 by 2045.
- Blacks represent 1/2 of all minority vets.

#### **Socioeconomic Characteristics**

- Better educated than minority non-vets.
- 35% work in management, professional, or other related occupations.
- 96% have access to healthcare.
- Median household income of \$59,966.

Jobenomics High Point utilizes minority veteran skills (and their access to financial capital) to transform struggling minority communities.

## **Veterans Live-Work Community**





Approximately 17 Acres will be allocated for affordable homes.

#### **Notional Residential & Office Park**









Energy-efficient, Hi-Tech, Affordable Homes & Home-Based Businesses



Office & Training Center For Veteran Owned Businesses

VA-backed loans can finance most of this project.

## **Key Housing Market Statistics**



Source: Realtor.com, as of February 2021

#### High Point

- Seller's market (more buyers than available homes)
- Median Listing Home Price/Sq Ft: \$100
  - ✓ Vets Village Zip 27260: \$88
- Median Listing Home Price: \$195K
  - ✓ Vets Village Zip 27260: \$89K
  - ✓ Downtown High Point: \$100K (2.5-miles from 206 Greensboro Dr.)
  - ✓ Broadstone Village: \$200K (1.8-miles from 206 Greensboro Dr.)
  - ✓ Jamestown Meadows: \$398K (5.0-miles from 206 Greensboro Dr.)

#### Guilford County

- Seller's market
- Median Listing Home Price/Sq Ft: \$110
- Median Listing Home Price/Sold Price: \$220K

A primary goal of our Vet Live-Work.

#### **Residential Construction Costs**

Source: Houseplans.pro plans by Bruinier & Associates









One-Level 768 sf

Two-Level 1,005 sf

Three-Level 1,225 sf

#### Multifamily (Fourplex) Homes @ \$90/sq ft

- One-Level 768 sf x 4 units = 3,072 sf x \$90 = \$276,480 or \$69K each
- Two-Level 1,005 sf x 4 units = 4,020 sf x \$90 = \$361,800 or \$90K each
- Three-Level 1,225 sf x 4 units = 4,900 sf x \$90 = \$441,000 or \$110K each



One-Level 1,764 sf



Two-Level 2,135 sf



#### Single Family Home @ \$90/sq ft

- One-Level = 1,644 sf x \$90 = \$147,960
- Two-Level = 2,135 sf x \$90 = \$192,150

Jobenomics has construction firm bids of \$90/sf.

#### **Notional Commercial Mall**





Jobenomics has business plans for these enterprises and Sprung Structures that can be operational within a year for \$7.5 million.

## Controlled Environment Agriculture Center JOBENOMICS

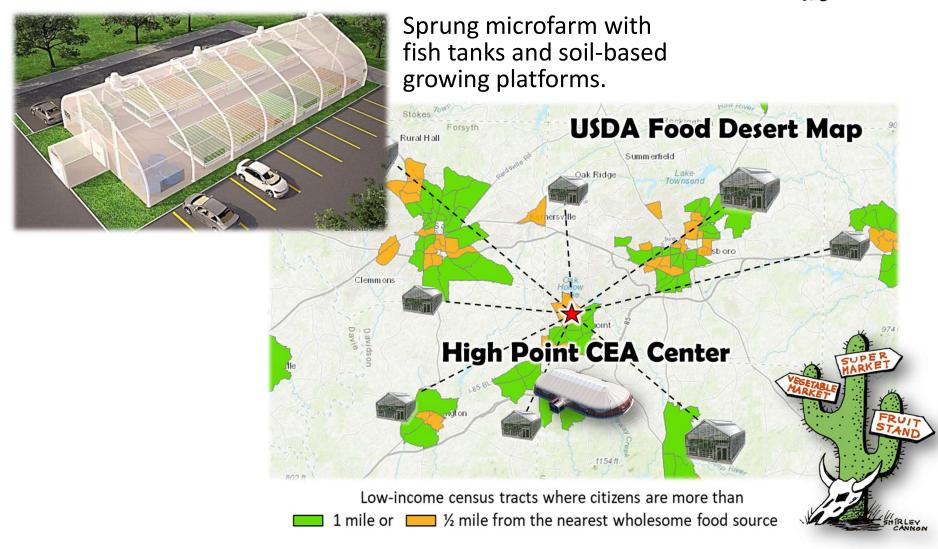




\$2.8 million, 34,500 sq ft, proven CEA Center, operational within 6-8 months with a 3.4-year payback period.

#### **CEA Satellite Farms**





\$515,000, 5,250 sq ft, proven CEA Microfarm, operational within 3-6 months with a 3.4-year payback period.

## Digital Academy & Office Center





\$3.3 million, 19,500 sq ft, community center, operational within 6-8 months with a payback period as short as 2-3 years.

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## **Vets Village Supercenter**





- Organic food outlet
- Grocery store
- Garden center
- Hardware store

- Deli & food court
- Prepared meals outlet
- Delivery service center
- Coffee & specially shops

\$1.6 million, 19,500 sq ft, multi-purpose shopping mall, operational within 6-8 months with a payback period as short as 2-3 years.

## New Sprung Structures (Since 1887)



12,000 structures in 110,000 countries.









The world's two richest men used Sprung for their flagship efforts. Vets Village Sprung structures on I-74 will attract regional attention.



## Jobenomics High Point's Veterans Live-Work Community Pilot Program

## **Veteran Borrowing & Buying Power**

## **Veteran Owned Businesses (VOB)**



North Carolina has one of the highest percentage (11%) of veteran owned firms in the USA (9%) but is underutilizing this resource.



#### U.S. Veteran Owned Businesses (VOBs) At A Glance

- \$1.2 trillion in sales receipts
- \$1.1 trillion in credit card purchases
- \$210 billion in annual payroll
- 5.8 million employees
- 2.5 million firms
  - 98% are micro businesses (<20 employees)</li>
  - 55% are home-based businesses
  - 38% with annual sales of \$500K+

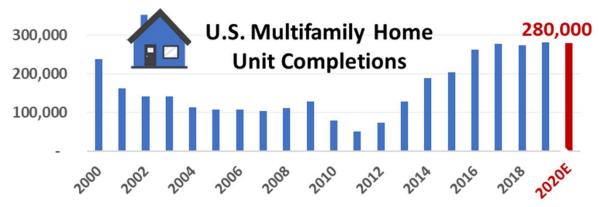
The state with highest % of sales attributable to VOBs is New Hampshire with 6.2%. North Carolina is tied for 9<sup>th</sup> place with 4.4%.

Source: SBA 2017 Report

## VA Multifamily Building Loan Program JOBENO



 A multifamily home is a single building with separate dwelling units (duplex, triplex, fourplex and condominiums) for different families.



- Multifamily new starts are at 20-year peak.
- Active-duty and veterans represent 23% of U.S. homebuyers.
- VA loans: \$653,550 duplex, \$789,950 triplex, \$981,700 fourplex with no down payment.



Jobenomics High Point will develop a "veteran crowd buying" cadre to finance building multifamily (townhouses) complexes.

#### **U.S. Small Business Association Loans**



#### **SBA Veterans Advantage Guaranteed Loans**

- Small business must be at least 51% vet-owned and controlled an individual(s) in the following groups:
  - Honorably discharged veterans
  - Active-Duty member in Transitioning Assistance Program
  - Active National Guard members and Active Reservists
  - Current spouse of any veteran or service member, or widowed spouse of a member who died while in service or as a result of a service-connected disability.
- Express (bridge) loans up to \$25,000 with zero upfront guaranty fee.
- Loans of \$150,000 or less with zero upfront guaranty fee.
- Loans up to \$5,000,000.



The U.S. SBA offers a variety of loan programs designed to assist veterans in acquiring capital to start, grow or succeed in business.

## **Veteran Entry-Level Home Loans**



#### Veteran Home Loans

- Private lenders issue and the VA guarantees a portion of the loan (e.g., \$36,000 default guarantee on a \$140,000 loan).
- VA loans have no maximum amount but are limited by home value and income.
- Price of a home loan varies with personal income (e.g., \$100,000 30-year loan requires around \$2,000 monthly income).
- VA loans require no down payment, better interest rate, no monthly mortgage insurance premiums, and fewer closing costs for the vet.

#### Disabled Veteran Housing Grants

 Specially Adapted Housing grants up to \$100,896 for FY 2021.



Only 12% of U.S. vets use their VA loan benefits. 33% of surveyed homebuying vets did not know there was a VA Home Loan program.

#### Conclusion



#### JVOBP High Point can be:

- Implemented quickly (often within one year).
- Thousands of new businesses and jobs would be created within five years.
- These programs (plus new programs) are highly-scalable and repeatable across the entire region, thereby transforming the labor force and economy.

#### Next steps:

- High Point decision-leaders need to decide if a Jobenomics Veteran Owned Business Program is of interest.
- If yes, host the Jobenomics team members to come to High Point to conduct a conference with key government, business and investment decision-makers.

Our success depends on the level of local support.



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