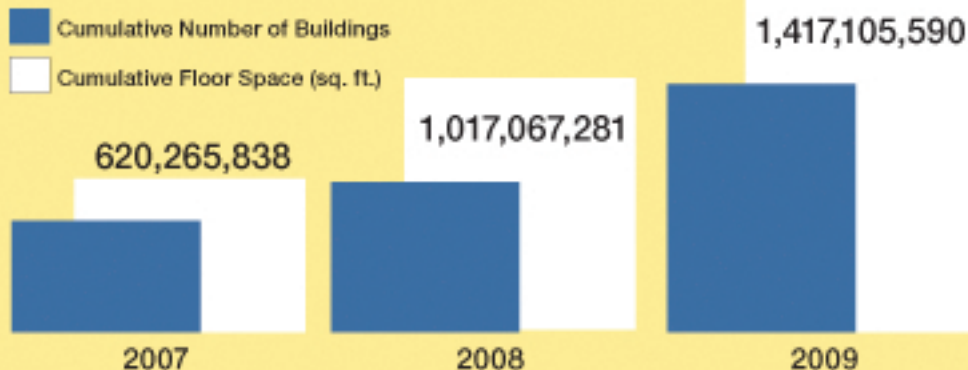


Voluntary Benchmarking Grows, But Isn't Enough

Energy Star Rated Buildings in New York City:



The number of buildings in New York City that benchmarked energy use through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's voluntary Energy Star program rose by 120 percent from 2007 to 2009. Even so, roughly two thirds of buildings in the city larger than 50,000 square feet didn't benchmark energy consumption using Energy Star. That gap led the city to require benchmarking and reporting for facilities that top the 50,000-square-foot mark. City officials say the mandate is an important step toward the city's goal of a 30 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, compared to 2005 levels, by 2030.