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Bronx Community Board 8  
Environment and Sanitation Committee

## **Storm Water Action Plan**

The Environment and Sanitation Committee 2014-15 began identifying serious local water issues, its impact on the land, air and water, and potential solutions in Bronx Community Board 8.

### **The Problems**

- the largest Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharge in NYC;
- sewer outfalls even in dry weather indicates a dysfunctional system;
- storm water runoff and flooding - broken catch basins, depressed street corners or torn up streets, floods in our basements .....and dirty water
- pollution of the Hudson and Harlem Rivers
- direct discharges at water's edge (referred to as MS4)

### **Committee Activities (See minutes for details)**

- Communication: Letters, meetings, and phone calls with DEP representatives re Broadway Sewer and need for Green Infrastructure;
- Worked with environmental groups on a Graphic Information System (GIS) to research Green Infrastructure sites and estimate high flow/flooding in CB8

### **Goals and Next Steps**

- Continue to document the need for Green Infrastructure (GI) in Bronx Community Board 8;
- Continue to work with organizations such as Bronx Council on Environmental Quality (BCEQ) and its Harlem River Working Group (HRWG), the Gaia Institute, the New York City Soil and Water Conservation District (NYCSWCD) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to collect data/photos;
- Continue to advocate for timely inclusion into DEP's Long Term Control Plan which includes the Green Infrastructure Grant Program with appropriate agencies and elected officials;
- Establish a Water Subcommittee that will periodically report on issues and progress to the Environment and Sanitation Committee on water issues.

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