



BCEQ's Basic Principles for Renewable Energy Development "Proposal" and Environmental Reviews, *Draft for review, by Karen Argenti, comments by CY, PM, JH and BF*

I. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW – draft

- A. Prior to SEQRA formal notice**, BCEQ should be notified by an official notice and identified as an interested party for the EAS and Scoping Documents under SEQRA. This would be a Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement, and should be at least one public meeting before the entity files any formal environmental reviews.
- B. Environmental Review** should be in plain language both in English and Spanish. If this is not possible, then arrangements should be made to assist the public in reviewing the proposal, including translations. Meetings can be on zoom and in public, as needed.
- C. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)** should consist of BCEQ Board Members or appointees, and members of the impacted neighborhoods. CAC meetings will be chaired by the community representatives, including setting agenda, minutes, digital newsletters and notices, etc.
- D. Data collection** will be assessed against BCEQ EJ and Health Determinants, as well as other contributions the CAC gathers. The Bronx has already suffered more than 1000 small cuts of environmental destruction without public notice and/or mitigation of the harmful impact affecting health outcomes of 62 out of 62 in NYS.
- E. Green Infrastructure** is an essential tool fighting Green House Gas and lowering the Heat Island Effect per Leaf Island. > GI = < GHG therefore > maintenance from productive grass to rain gardens to green roofs. This should be around the Utility Plants as well as local communities.
- F. Employment for local communities**, including Job Training Programs in Utility at the project site as well as during construction of the proposal development or redevelopment, including GI apprentice program with full time pay with benefits.

II. BRONX NEEDS ASSESSMENT – *in work* per 1000 cuts

Storm water zero discharge for new development, Sustainable shorelines in mapped floodplains, Greenways with GI, Open space—beyond the waterfront esplanade, Educational and active project sites that engage local stakeholders and young people, Upland access

III. BCEQ DOCTRINE OF LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Attachments: [BCEQ Doctrine of Low Impact Development \(2006\)](#),
[1000 cuts](#), [EPA Green Infrastructure Guidelines \(2007\)](#), [Leaf Island GI and UHI \(2021\)](#)