



Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

PROGRAM

Protecting and Connecting the Harlem River

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 from 3 to 7 PM

Manhattan University

Kelly Student Center, Rm 4.03

Bronx, New York

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BCEQ “seeks to establish — as an Inherent Human Right — a sound, forward-looking environmental policy regarding an aesthetic, unpolluted, environment protecting a natural and historic heritage.”

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The Bronx Council for Environmental Quality, (BCEQ) is a non-profit 501(c)3 membership organization located in NYC’s only mainland borough — The Bronx. We are a diverse collection of individuals all seeking to leave our great grandchildren better air, land, and water quality than we have at present.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

3:00 PM *Tabling, Networking Members, Reports*

3:15 PM Welcome, **Election of Board of Directors** Class of 2027

3:30 PM *Directors Lightning Round, President Update*

4:00 PM **BREAK** For Dinner & Awards

Honorees

Hon. Iris Rodriguez Rosa,
First Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation

Arif Ullah, Executive Director,
South Bronx Unite

Guest Speaker

Fred Yongbani, *Con Edison Senior Specialist for Energy Efficiency. “Energy Saving Programs”*

Manhattan University Students will present their work on **Capstone Projects** on the Urban Environment on easels around the room.

Visit the students and discuss their projects.

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ANNUAL WATER CONFERENCE

4:30 PM *Panel Presentation: Clean Water, Green Infrastructure, Connecting the Greenway and a new Bridge Park South at Depot Place*

5:30 PM *Questions & Answers*

Protecting Clean Water – Swimmable Fishable means pollution levels low enough for recreation
- **Dart Westphal**, *BCEQ, CURES Director & Shino Tanikawa, Soil & Water Conservation District*

Building Green Infrastructure (GI) -- Tibbetts Brook Daylighting and Greenway
- **Amy Motzy**, *Department of Environmental Protection*

Connecting the Harlem River Waterfront GI
Greenway & Access
- **Chauncy Young**, *BCEQ, Harlem River Coalition*

A New **Bridge Park South** is Coming at Depot Place with a Living Shoreline
- **Marit Larson**, *Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural Resources Group*

6:00 PM What's Next Breakout –
Water | Greenway | Access | Stand for Principles

7:00 PM **The End**

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