

Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

PRESENT:

Lowering the Temperature with Nature

The Low-Cost Alternative to Mitigating Severe Weather Events in New York City

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**Friday, September 26**

**Noon to 2 pm** Lunch and Program  
(*Limited Space – RSVP required ASAP*)

**2 pm** Walking Tour of VCP  
public invited - including a new Living Shoreline

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Van Cortlandt Golf House Deck

115 Van Cortlandt Park, The Bronx NY 10463

Directions: [maps.app.goo.gl/2CVmNxUcwvRhdxiQ9](https://www.google.com/maps/place/115+Van+Cortlandt+Park,+The+Bronx,+NY+10463/@40.845,-87.845,15z)



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### SPEAKERS

**Iris Rodriguez-Rosa**

Commissioner, NYC Department  
of Parks and Recreation

**Liam Kavanagh**

former 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Commissioner, NYC  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**Angela Licata**

Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability at NYC  
Department of Environmental Protection

**2025 Climate Week NYC**  
*event for elected & agency  
officials, neighbors & community  
organizations to collaborate*

### DESCRIPTION

Bronx Council for Environmental Quality ([www.bceq.org](http://www.bceq.org)) present this community-driven conversation to adopt a plan that protects the urban built environment by using nature to improve ecosystem services. This plan will highlight critical and sustainable steps to reduce the high cost of increasing electricity to cool residents in response to managing forecasted 3-day-100-degree heat waves.

By doubling down on greening, with the added requirement of regular maintenance routines, the level of carbon sinks and biodiversity will increase and help offset current levels of heat island effects. This means greening and using green infrastructure (GI) in all landscapes and hardscapes to energize to the point of creating: 30% protected forest, local GI, wetlands, and natural shorelines at the 500 plus miles of waterfront. Tibbetts Brook Daylighting project is an example. After the event, there will be a tour of the Living Shoreline in the Park.

### RSVP to

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