**Lowering the Temperature with Nature - The Low-Cost Alternative to Mitigating Severe Weather Events in New York City**

**PROGRAM**

Friday, September 26, 2025

**11:45 am      Networking, Tabling, Sign in**

Noon           Networking and Seating

12:15 pm      Karen Argenti, BCEQ introduces

**Welcome, Stephanie Ehrlich**, Van Cortlandt Park Administrator Introduces

12:30 pm Bronx Parks Commissioner Jessenia Aponte, Moderator

**Panel Presentation and Discussion**

* **Iris Rodriguez Rosa**

Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

* **Liam Kavanagh**

former 1st Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation

* **Angela Licata**

Deputy Commissioner of Sustainability at NYC Department of Environmental Protection

**1:30               Coffee and Desert - Break**

**1:45               Audience Questions & Answers** - INDEX Cards on the table.

**2 pm Walking tour** of the “Pump and Treat Living Shoreline” which is already eating up CO2