



Bronx Council for Environmental Quality
LOWERING THE TEMPERATURE WITH NATURE
TO STOP EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

Monday, April 29, 2026 from 3:30 to 7:30 pm

Manhattan University Students will present Posters for Capstone Projects on the Urban Environment under the supervision of our Dart Westphal (*CURES Director*).

3:30 PM PRE MEETING SETUP *Tabling, Networking*

3:45 PM *Students One Minute Project Info - Dart Westphal*

3:55 PM WELCOME, *BCEQ President Robert Fanuzzi*

- 4:00 pm **Pelham Bay Park Access Study** Briefing, *Laura Melendez, NYC Parks, Project Development Coordinator for Planning, Planning & Development*
- 4:45 pm **Tibbetts Brook Daylighting & Greenway TAG**, *Marit Larson, Deputy Commissioner NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural Resources Group*

5:15 PM ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER during the

5:30 PM 54th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dr. Robert Fanuzzi, BCEQ President - Election of Board of Directors Class of 2028

6:00 TO 7:30 PM 27TH ANNUAL WATER CONFERENCE:

Karen Argenti, BCEQ Water Committee Chair, Lowering the Temperature with Nature to Mitigate Extreme Weather Events: Describing How & Where of Carbon Capture

PRESENTATION

• Philadelphia - Decentralizing resilience... Working at the block scale to reduce heat and flood risks.

Dr. Franco Montalto, Professor, Drexel University

• How Paris (France) Lowered the Temperature.

Dr. Emma Thebault, Technical Director of Resilience at STV and Lea Pelletier, Resilience Planner at STV.

• Using Micro Forests to help Dense Urban Environments.

Lee Altman, Principal at Scape

• How Daylighting Tibbetts Brook benefits Habitat and Cools our Temperature.

Angela Licata, Deputy Commissioner for Sustainability at NYC DEP.

• The Impact of Water on Carbon and our Climate. Dr. Paul Mankiewicz, Associate Professor, Pratt Institute, Graduate Center for Planning and the Environment, School of Architecture

6:45 PM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Above Presenters and BCEQ Directors / Advisors - Robert Fanuzzi, Liam Kavanagh, Iris Rodriguez-Rosa, Dart Westphal, Chauncy Young, and Karen Argenti (Moderator)

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This is a free event, but space is limited. 04222026

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