Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

LOWERING THE TEMPERATURE WITH NATURE TO STOP EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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

3:30 PM *PRE MEETING* SETUP *Tabling, Networking*
3:50 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**, *Amy Motzy, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, and Marit Larson, Deputy Commissioner NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, Natural Resources Group*

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5:15 PM ITALIAN BUFFET DINNER during the
5:30 PM 54th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dr. Robert Fanuzzi, BCEQ President Robert Fanuzzi, 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, Drexel University*
- **Paris, France** – *Emma Thebault, Technical Director of Resilience at STV and Lea Pelleteret, Resilience Planner at STV*
- **Micro Forests** – *Lee Altman, Principal at Scape*
- **NYC's Largest Green Infrastructure** – More than just Tibbetts Brook Daylighting – *Angela Licata, Deputy Commissioner for Sustainability at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).*

6:45 PM **ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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

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This is a free event, but space is limited. 04102026