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The Bronx Council for Environmental Quality

(BCEQ)

present

“Lowering the Temperature with Nature”

27th Annual Water Conference

&

55th Annual Membership Meeting

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

Manhattan University,

Kelly Student Center, room 5.03.

BCEQ Members, Manhattan U. Students, and the
general public were invited to attend this free event.

Refreshments will be served.

An Italian Buffet will be served during this time.

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Schedule

At **3:30 pm** The program begins with Networking and Tabling, Highlighting two park projects:

Pelham Bay Park Access at **4 pm** and

Tibbetts Brook Daylighting at **4:45 pm**.

At **5:15 pm**, BCEQ President Robert Fanuzzi will open the meeting and welcomed all:

The Bronx Council for Environmental Quality 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.”

From **6 pm to 7:30 pm**, an expert panel on extreme heat will discuss what others have done, and what we can do to lower the temperature. The Panel includes:

- Philadelphia - Decentralizing resilience.... Working at the block scale to reduce heat and flood risks. *Dr. Franco Montalto*, Professor, Drexel University
- Paris (France) – Given climate change projections how did they make a more live-able city. *Dr. Emma Thebault*, Technical Director of Resilience at STV and *Lea Pelleteret*, Resilience Planner at STV.
- Using Micro Forests to help Dense Urban Environments. *Lee Altman*, Principal at Scape
- How Stormwater and Green Infrastructure, like Daylighting Tibbetts Brook, Help Cool Temperatures and Provide Other Benefits. *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

Immediately following this presentation, there will be a lively exchange between the panelists and the audience around **7:30 pm**.