Figure 1 - Northern Manhattan

Northern Manhattan Climate Action
A Draft Plan
WE ACT for Environmental Justice

1) NMCA OVERVIEW

Over the past several years, climate change has rapidly moved from the status of a looming threat to a discussion of immediate action. The transition in the consciousness of the general public and elected officials has been precipitated by increasingly catastrophic events, which have resulted in growing environmental justice concerns in New York City. The city has become a microcosm of the climate nation, an urban version of the front lines of climate change.

Northern Manhattan, home to some of the city's most vulnerable people, already faces climate impacts and has urgent needs to address them. The region's diversified communities, with its multiple cultural, class, race, gender, economic, and age groups, are not only vulnerable to the impacts of globalization, but also the impacts of climate change.

The climate is rapidly warming in Northern Manhattan, raising the water temperatures already being experienced in stormwater areas. The region's communities, especially those that are already suffering from the impacts of climate change, are facing further challenges. These communities are likely to suffer more severe impacts from climate change than the rest of Manhattan, which has a 14% average rate of Latino, reside in these areas. In 2015, hundreds of New Yorkers participated in the Climate March or a Black Lives Matter rally, both of which were in partnership with a community organizing effort.

The ideas in the NMCA are the result of a long-term planning process led by WE ACT for Environmental Justice and in partnership with a handful of other organizations. The vision and goals of these ideas were planned during a conference held between January and June of 2015 in New York City.

The study area includes the neighborhoods of Inwood, Washington Heights, Hamilton Heights, Harlem, Central Harlem, and East Harlem. The planning area covers a large area, as it includes the neighborhood of the area's residential areas as a major concern.

In terms of the physical impact that climate change will have on Northern Manhattan, rising temperatures and rainfall patterns will become more severe in the future. These changes will impact the quality of life in the region, and the economic and social well-being of its residents.

In order to achieve these goals, we must build a network of new social and political alliances that can bring关于 the NMCA's primary focus on creating a more just future. The NMCA uses the frameworks of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and a coalition of over 30 organizations to implement these goals.

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2) CLIMATE CHANGE & SOCIAL EQUALITY

Climate change is not just an environmental issue; it is also a social issue. The impacts of climate change are felt disproportionately by marginalized communities, who are often the least able to adapt and protect themselves.

In a study of New York City's most vulnerable people, the impacts of climate change were found to be more severe in Northern Manhattan, which already faces a higher rate of poverty and inequality. Conflicts in terms of this plan. Without a change in social and economic systems, the impact of climate change will be exacerbated, and the gap between rich and poor will widen.

In order to implement the NMCA, we must begin by implementing changes to our social systems. The project will focus on creating a more just future for all residents of Northern Manhattan, including those who have been historically marginalized. The NMCA uses the frameworks of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and a coalition of over 30 organizations to implement these goals.

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3) CONCEPT ONE: ENERGY DEMOCRACY

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4) CONCEPT TWO: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In the immediate future, development of more effective strategies for emergency management and preparedness are critical. Providing services for local activities on organic food production, green infrastructure, public health, and the environment is also critical. The plan also seeks to create a network of groups that work together to build community resilience, while also accommodating the need for community gardens, libraries, green energy infrastructure, and more.

5) CONCEPT THREE: SOCIAL HUBS

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The planning concepts were generated by project participants as measures that can protect our environment while reducing socio-economic inequalities. Logos indicate potential partnerships, not formal agreements.

**Sustainable Agriculture**

- Community Land Trusts (CLT)
- Food from the Hudson Valley
- Local Markets
- Local Media Production
- Tech Incubator
- Affordable Public Transport
- Health Care

**Sustainable Architecture**

- Local Built Environment
- Affordable Public Transport
- Health Care

**Sustainable Energy**

- Renewable energy
- Green building
- Green transportation
- Energy efficiency

**Sustainable Water**

- Flood protection
- Water scarcity
- Water quality
- Water conservation

**Sustainable Air**

- Air quality
- Air pollution
- Air transportation

**Sustainable Waste**

- Waste reduction
- Waste recycling
- Waste management

**Sustainable Infrastructure**

- Infrastructure resilience
- Infrastructure capacity
- Infrastructure efficiency

**Sustainable Transportation**

- Public transportation
- Private transportation
- Transportation demand

**Sustainable Communities**

- Community engagement
- Community involvement
- Community resilience

**Sustainable Economy**

- Economic development
- Economic growth
- Economic stability

**Sustainable Employment**

- Employment opportunities
- Employment security
- Employment diversity

**Sustainable Housing**

- Affordable housing
- Access to housing
- Housing affordability

**Sustainable Health Care**

- Health care access
- Health care quality
- Health care equity