



East Harlem Preservation

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

Since 2005, East Harlem Preservation has advocated on a variety of environmental issues:

- * Supported local efforts to advance the climate change movement through the leadership of distressed minorities communities
- * Documented supermarket closures and other healthy food disparities throughout East Harlem and participated in a union-based coalitional reform campaign
- * Highlighted the disproportionate number of MTA bus depots throughout Upper Manhattan and recorded diesel fuel buses illegally idling near public schools
- * Monitored proposed midtown and bridge tolls and participated in public discussions on the immediate and long-term impact of "congestion pricing" in Upper Manhattan and other low-income waterfront communities
- * Documented opposition to a variance allowing late-night commercial deliveries to a megamall located in the heart of the Pleasant Avenue historical district
- * Challenged a zoning variance for the development of a 40-story luxury building overlooking (and overshadowing) Central Park
- * Monitored neighborhood concerns over the 125th Street "River-to-River" rezoning and highlighted the lack of community input on large-scale development projects
- * Provided technical and communications assistance to residents opposing the installation of a Con Edison substation in the "Triangle" section of East Harlem
- * Documented development plans for the installation of a Con Edison substation on Randall's Island and a proposed underwater power turbine in the nearby East River
- * Provided testimony on environmental and land use issues at NYC Council hearings and partnered with advocates to address the health risks of artificial turf in public playgrounds and the exclusionary practices of park conservancies such as the Randall's Island Sports Foundation
- * Monitored and documented the unlawful destruction of thousands of trees and fauna along the Randall's Island waterfront and the resultant displacement of local wildlife
- * Promoted efforts to facilitate improvements to the Randall's Island Connector Project of the South Bronx Greenway
- * Documented efforts by the Harlem River Park Task Force to restore the Harlem River waterfront shoreline and esplanade
- * Documented a campaign by the UDEC Harlem River Ecology Center to restore the Hudson River North Marine Station
- * Promoted car-free campaigns and supported city-wide initiatives for increasing bike lanes, improving/enforcing safety standards, and mass transit alternatives
- * Documented the local East Harlem landscape and greenways, including the East River shoreline, Randall's Island, and Central Park
- * Detailed local "greening" initiatives such as MillionTreesNYC, PlanNYC, and Go Green East Harlem," and participated in public discussions and task force meetings
- * Endorsed the "Car-Free Central Park" campaign and supported city-wide initiatives calling for increasing bike lanes and improving/enforcing safety standards

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