

# NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE



## About Us

Founded in 1991, the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance (NYC-EJA) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 citywide membership network linking grassroots organizations from low-income neighborhoods and communities of color in their struggle for environmental justice. NYC-EJA empowers its member organizations to advocate for improved environmental conditions and against inequitable environmental burdens by the coordination of campaigns designed to inform City and State policies. Through our efforts, member organizations coalesce around specific common issues that threaten the ability for low-income communities of color to thrive. NYC-EJA is led by the community-based organizations that it serves, with its board elected by its member groups, who set policy and guide program development. NYC-EJA is also a steering committee member of New York Renews and a member of the Climate Justice Alliance.

## What distinguishes NYC-EJA is our ability to:



Create, nurture, and organize a collective voice to mobilize citywide support to resolve environmental justice issues.



Highlight key environmental justice issues and policies that arise in multiple communities, or impact citywide conditions, requiring innovative and creative problem-solving.



Involve people of color and other stakeholders directly affected by environmental justice issues in leadership roles to resolve them.

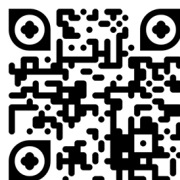


## Our Members

Our member organizations are located across **13 Community Districts** with over 1.8 million residents. Approximately **75%** of people we serve are BIPOC.

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# Our Work

NYC-EJA has been at the forefront of City and State campaigns to advance environmental justice. The following initiatives are examples of the campaigns that structure NYC-EJA's research and advocacy.

## JUST TRANSITION & ENERGY

NYC-EJA has collaborated with several partners to ensure that energy planning and economic development in NYC are conducted equitably and that low-income and communities of color do not continue to be disproportionately burdened. Our work at the state and city level has led to groundbreaking legislation like the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and many others.

**Campaigns:** NY Renews, PEAK Coalition, REVitalize Partnership, Renewable Rikers

## TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE

NYC-EJA works alongside our members and allies in transportation, environment, and labor advocacy on several key transportation equity campaigns, from the push for an electric bus transition to the passage of congestion pricing and finding equitable solutions to closing NYC's transit gaps.

**Campaigns:** ElectrifyNY, Last-Mile Coalition, Congestion Pricing, BQE EJ

## EXTREME HEAT & AIR QUALITY

For years, we have worked to minimize the disproportionately negative and compounding effects of extreme heat and co-pollutant emissions on low-income communities of color. Our work focuses on maximizing "cooling" strategies, equitably expanding the urban forest, increasing access to cooling centers, and advocating for increased home energy assistance.

**Campaigns:** Extreme Heat, CAMP EJ, Just Nature NYC, Forest for All NYC

## WASTE EQUITY

NYC-EJA has long championed waste equity. Our efforts were instrumental in passing the City's Solid Waste Management Plan in 2006 to overhaul the waste export system. We continue to advocate for reducing the burden on environmental justice communities that process 75% of the City's solid waste stream to an emissions-free, distributed system.

**Campaigns:** Transform Don't Trash, Save Our Compost

## CLIMATE JUSTICE HUB

The NYC Climate Justice Hub re-thinks the role and relationships academic institutions can play in the struggle for climate and environmental justice being led by frontline communities. In partnership with the City University of New York, NYC-EJA will connect schools, faculty, and students interested in climate research, environmental equity, and policy advocacy with our member organizations to provide support for both our advocacy and policy work as well as members' neighborhood priority projects.

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Our waterfront justice and community resiliency work is largely focused on understanding and protecting EJ communities along the coast of NYC from the threats of flooding caused by storm surges, sea level rise, and rainfall. NYC-EJA works to center EJ in regional coastal resiliency plans and launched NYC's first citywide community-based resiliency campaign – the Waterfront Justice Project.

**Campaigns:** Resilient Coastal Communities Project, NY NJ Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study, Waterfront Justice Project