Climate Justice & Community Resilience

Adaptation on the Block + COMMUNITY ADAPTATION WEBINAR

May 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2014
UPROSE

Founded in 1964, UPROSE is Brooklyn’s oldest Latino community based organization.

UPROSE is an intergenerational, multi-racial, nationally-recognized community organization that promotes just sustainability and the resiliency of Sunset Park.

Community Building + Initiatives + Strategies

- Environmental Justice
- Public Health
- Transportation
- Open Space
- Air Quality
- Green Infrastructure

Education

Leadership Development

Community Organizing

Cultural/Artistic Expression
UPROSE PROJECTS

Safer, easier northbound left turn, from a wider bay

Removes conflicts with pedestrians in east crosswalk

19’ wide pedestrian safety area replaces left turn bay

Restore
The B37 Bus Coalition
Invites you to RALLY to RESTORE the B37!

Saturday June 15, 2013 @11:00am
56th Street and 2 Ave.– Martin Luther Playground
Brooklyn, NY (R train to 53st)

Questions? Email info@uprosoe.org

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The climate is changing.

- Sea level rise
- Increase of severe weather events

Who is the most affected by climate change?

- Low income communities of color
- Seaboard cities
In the past 5 years Sunset Park has experienced:

- Two tornados
- A microburst
- Flooding
- Recurring blizzards
- Hurricane Irene
- Superstorm Sandy
- Heat waves

**Vulnerable Communities:**

- Poverty
- Economic marginality
- Linguistic isolation
- Racial exclusion

**Climate Change + Disproportionate Environmental Burdens already felt**

The process of building, researching, learning, planning and installing climate adaptation measures together also builds resilience.

In response to these our community has requested the creation of a Resiliency Center.

Frontline communities of disparate, unequal environmental and climate impacts must be in the leadership of designing responses and solutions.
Mission: Community driven process to build adaptation and resilience through organizing.

Community:
Build local climate leadership through intergenerational community organizing. Create a resource hub for climate science education, adaptation & resilience.

Advocacy:
Through effective multi-stakeholder engagement, we will be able to promote community climate initiatives and economic development.

Program:
Implementation of initiatives designed to address physical and social infrastructure such as storm-water management, vulnerability mapping, and energy efficiency.
COMMUNITY BUILDING

Engage community members

Block-by-block
Building-by-building
Business-by-business

Assessment, mapping and relationship building process to create, implement and manage climate adaptation strategies.

Building Resilience: to educate, activate and inform during extreme weather events.

Income
Culture
Language
Historical Trauma

Transition Industrial Areas to Climate Resilient and Sustainable

Public Processes (land use, planning, infrastructure, design, permitting)
THANK YOU!!