

The Northern Manhattan Environmental Justice Coalition

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- West Harlem Art Fund/ Harlem Heights Heritage Area Foundation
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Important community planning process – April 5th – Please be there.

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Mission Statement:

To initiate and implement a Northern Manhattan community planning process that will result in a just and equitable plan for waste disposal in New York City.

What Is The Problem?

When it was operating, the 135th Street Marine Transfer Station (MTS), – the only MTS in Manhattan operating 24-hours per day drew 93 garbage trucks per day up and down narrow brownstone streets. These trucks spewed noxious diesel fumes and threatened pedestrian safety, while the MTS drew rats, flies and mosquitoes year round.

Now there is a plan to tear it down and rebuild it to take more than 3-times the waste at 91st Street and twice the waste at 59th Street. And, our neighborhoods could be faced with 320 trash trucks per day, which could lead to more truck related accidents with pedestrians.

We Already Have More Than Our Fair Share!

The Northern Manhattan neighborhoods of East, West and Central Harlem and Washington Heights/Inwood already treat most of Manhattan's solid waste and house one-third of New York City's diesel buses, the largest bus fleet in the country.

Let's Take A Look –

- The North River plant at 135th – 145th streets in the Hudson River treats all of Manhattan's sewage north of Bank Street in Greenwich Village.
- **Ward's Island (off of East Harlem) treats sewage from the upper eastside and the Western Bronx including Riverdale.**
- Six of 8 Manhattan bus depots, over one-third of the entire city's public bus fleet, are housed in our neighborhoods and on our streets. The 100th Street depot in East Harlem has just been expanded and will reopen this fall. The Mother Hale depot at Central Harlem's Esplanade Gardens is due to expand soon.
- **One of 2 Manhattan Port Authority bus terminals in Washington Heights draws 810 diesel buses per day.**
- We host 3 sanitation diesel truck depots and 1 outdoor parking lot that also serve the upper eastside. The parking lot in East Harlem houses trucks filled with garbage overnight and parked beneath windows of children with asthma.

What Is the Health Impact on Our Families?

- Hospitalization rates for asthma in Northern Manhattan neighborhoods are the highest in Manhattan and the second highest (next to the JFK Airport area) in the city.
- **Particles from diesel buses and garbage trucks and pollutants from sewage plants can trigger asthma attacks.**
- Due to high level of air pollution in Manhattan, the borough does not comply with federal Clean Air standards, according to the EPA.
- **A recent Columbia/WE ACT study shows air pollution is causing worse birth outcomes like low birth weight and size.**
- The EPA states that diesel fuel is linked to the increase of certain cancers and heart disease.

Let Us Act Together Before It's Too Late

Join the Northern Manhattan Environmental Justice Coalition and its community planning process to develop and implement a just plan for garbage in Northern Manhattan and New York City.

We need:

- **Thoughtful, committed residents;**
- **Concerned businesses and institutions based in this community.**

Like other communities of color across the city, such as the South Bronx and Greenpoint-Williamsburg, we have more than our fair share of environmental burdens with few of the benefits shared by other communities. Do not let our community continue to be used as a dumping ground.

For years, the Guiliani Administration played politics with the garbage issue. Now Mayor Bloomberg proposes a plan that could dump on our neighborhoods once again. Let us show the city how to plan.

Come out on April 5th to develop a plan of recommendations to the Mayor and the Manhattan Borough President. Let us develop strategies for holding our officials accountable for a just and equitable garbage plan.

Saturday, April 5, 2003

9:30 am – 5 pm

City College Ballroom

NAC Building, 137th Street & Convent Avenue, NYC

Hosted by CCNY Pre-University Program

*** Program ***

10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Welcome & Purpose of the Day

***10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Opening Speaker

***10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Presentation on polluting facilities in Northern Manhattan

***10:45 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.**

Discussion & Adoption of Guiding Principles

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Interactive Garbage 101 Workshops

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Small Group Working Sessions

***1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

Luncheon Speakers

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Small Group Working Sessions (Con't.)

3:00p.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Coffee Break

***3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Report Backs from Small Group Sessions & Discussion

***4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Adoption of Small Group Work Products
& Discussion of Next Steps

4:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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Please mail the enclosed postcard.
RSVP is necessary because teams must be assigned
and lunch will be provided.