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Environment and Parks Committee Meeting Minutes
Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson
Wednesday, December 10, 2025

The Environment and Parks Committee met on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Environment and Parks Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter (virtual), Margarita Espinosa, Maria Garcia, Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham (virtual), Reggie Powell (virtual), Paul Ramirez (virtual), Renee Reed, Carol Robinson (virtual), and Angelina Zervos.

The Environment and Parks Committee discussed the following:

- **Informational Presentation from Benjamin Goldberg of the New York Sea Grant on Climate Resiliency**

A representative from New York Sea Grant conducted a presentation on the organization's sustainable communities and resiliency program, which is based out of NOAA, Cornell University, and Stony Brook University. The Long Island Sound Partnership Program is an EPA National Estuary Program that has been established for 40 years. The partnership is composed of agencies, organizations, scientists, and community members working together to protect and restore the Long Island Sound through four programmatic areas: Waters and watersheds, habitats and wildlife, resilient communities, and public engagement. Two years ago the Sustainable and Resilient Communities (SRC) Team was created to provide technical assistance, support, and resources to communities and local governments across the coastal area of the Long Island Sound watershed in both Connecticut and New York. The goal is to empower communities to plan for and respond to environmental challenges in ways that prioritize well-being for all. In addition to funding that is available for government agencies and community groups to implement projects, the Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub offers resources like maps, grant opportunities, virtual workshops, and training programs. The Planning Support Programs is also available, which offers funding to hire a technical expert or consultant to conduct preliminary planning for a community. Examples of projects supported by the Planning Support Program include vulnerability assessments, flood studies, resilience plans, conservation plans, conceptual designs, natural resource inventories, and community engagement strategies.

The committee offered insights into the biggest environmental issues faced in the district. Concerns were raised about the impact of high-density construction in the district on the environment since 2010 and the need for improved infrastructure, such as sewer systems. The committee discussed flooding in the area because there is a lack of green infrastructure to handle increased water runoff from heavy rainfall, particularly around the Bronx River. To improve public engagement, committee members suggested climate literacy workshops and increasing public awareness to report flooded catch basins to the district office. The committee discussed the work being done by the Mayor's Office for Climate Safe Communities around flooding and heat management, as well as the

current Department of Design and Construction (DDC) project at West Farms Square that will include a street redesign, new sewers, and rain gardens. Concerns about extreme heat led to a discussion on cooling centers and the city's tree planting strategy. It was noted that many young trees do not survive because store owners kill them, often by concreting over the tree bed. The District Manager, Rafael Moure-Punnett, shared information about the Bronx River Alliance's proposal to convert a state-owned piece of land next to Drew Gardens, currently used as a construction staging area by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT), into green infrastructure like a garden or park to absorb rainfall near the Bronx River.



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**Economic Development, Environment and Parks, Sanitation,
and Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting**
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Environment and Parks Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>az</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitation Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>az</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic Development Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margrita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shantavia Inabinet		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed	<i>Renee Reed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Public Safety and Licensing		
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Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Maria Garcia		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angel Nunez-Garcia		<input type="checkbox"/>
Reggie Powell		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Ramirez		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Rivera		<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristine Rivera		<input type="checkbox"/>
MAGDAMARY MARCANO		
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