



Session Three, Panel One: Serving the Underserved

11:30 a.m. Presentation title: Climate Justice & Infrastructure in Northern Manhattan

Presenter:

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Bio: Sonal Jessel is the director of Policy at WE ACT for Environmental Justice. She is responsible for advancing the organization's policy agenda at the local, state, and national levels, in addition to leading our New York City policy initiatives and the Northern Manhattan Climate Action (NMCA) Plan. Prior to joining

WE ACT, she conducted research in energy insecurity, housing, and public health at Columbia University. Sonal has an MPH in population and family health with a concentration in climate and health from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and a BA in organismal biology from Pitzer College, in California.

Presentation: Climate Justice & Infrastructure in Northern Manhattan

Presentation about climate justice needs for Northern Manhattan communities (Harlem, Washington Heights, Inwood) for adaptation, mitigation, and resilience to climate impacts. The presentation will discuss critical infrastructural needs for these environmental justice communities and how to expand our definition of infrastructure.