




BORN OF VICTORY

A photograph of a large, multi-arched concrete bridge spanning a body of water. The bridge has several large, rounded arches. In the foreground, a modern building with a curved facade and a white SUV are visible. The sky is clear and blue.

WE ACT for Environmental Justice is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1988 to address environmental racism in West Harlem. Our mission is to build healthy communities by ensuring that people of color and/or low-income residents participate meaningfully in the creation of sound and fair environmental health and protection policies and practices.

FOCUS AREAS



**CLEAN
AIR**



**CLIMATE
JUSTICE**



**HEALTHY
HOMES**



**SUSTAINABLE
LAND USE**



**AFFORDABLE,
EQUITABLE TRANSIT**



**OPEN & GREEN
SPACE**



**WASTE, PESTS
& PESTICIDES REDUCTION**



**TOXIC FREE
PRODUCTS**

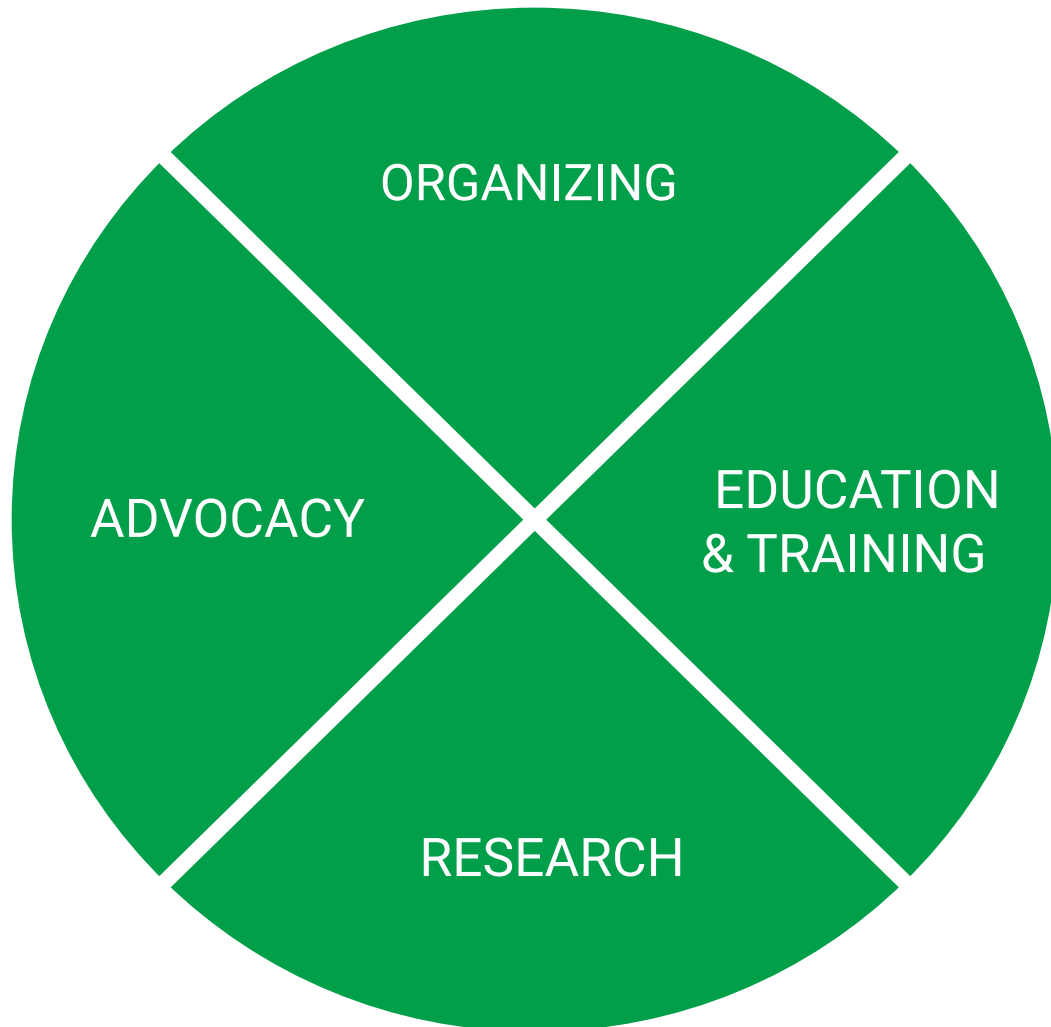


**FOOD
JUSTICE**



**WATER
QUALITY**

HOW WE WORK



ORGANIZING

- More than 800 WE ACT Members
- Monthly Meetings & Working Groups

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Environmental Health & Justice Leadership Training
- Worker Training
- Breast Cancer & Environmental Risk Factors Workshops

RESEARCH

- Community-based Participatory Research
- Academic Partners

ADVOCACY

- City, State, & Federal Policy Teams
- Federal Policy Office in Washington, DC
- Environmental Justice Leadership Forum

REDUCING EMISSIONS

In New York City, buildings account for nearly 70% of the greenhouse gas emissions.

Local Law 97 requires the City to reduce building emissions by 40% by 2024 and by 80% by 2050.

We helped pass Intro 1947, which expands the number of buildings required to comply with Local Law 97 while safeguarding affordable housing.

We developed the Energy Efficiency Equity & Jobs Act which would ensure that New York State's energy efficiency programs are equitable and provide jobs for our communities.

BETTER BUILDINGS NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

BBNY

Our Team



Association for Energy Affordability

One of the foremost advocates for multifamily energy efficiency and building performance across the United States for over 25 years.

New Yorkers for Clean Power

A statewide campaign to accelerate the transition to clean energy through public education, engagement with local governments, and community organizing.



Alliance for a Green Economy

A statewide grassroots organization that advocates for 100% renewable electricity, heat, and transportation to revitalize the economy and safeguard human health.

PUSH Buffalo

A movement mobilizing residents to win quality affordable housing, community control over neighborhood development, and economic and environmental justice.



Frack Action

Instrumental in the successful fight to ban fracking in New York, Frack Action has raised national awareness about the dangers of natural gas since 2010.

We ACT for Environmental Justice

A community-based organization in Harlem that has fought for and won major environmental health protections and shaped research and policy since 1988.



Natural Resources Defense Council

A leading environmental advocacy organization with 3 million members and activists and over 700 scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates across the globe.



Better Buildings New York is a collaborative campaign to equitably decarbonize homes and buildings in New York State. The campaign, committed to environmental justice and a just transition, builds power through public education and communications, and accelerates policy change to replace dangerous, polluting, climate-changing fossil fuel systems with cleaner, healthier, renewable alternatives in New York State buildings and homes.

OUT OF GAS, IN WITH JUSTICE

Pilot Program

- Launch a six-month research demonstration that will monitor the indoor air quality, assess cost implications, and educate residents about the use/benefits of electric induction stoves and air-source heat pumps.
- Swap out gas stoves with induction stoves and install heat pumps in 10 affordable housing homes in New York City and 10 in Buffalo, with 10 control homes in each city. Targeting multi-family affordable homes where a child or adult has a respiratory issue such as asthma.

Statewide Campaign

- A collaboration of environmental justice advocates and organizations are seeking to decarbonize and electrify homes and buildings throughout New York State.

New York City Gas Ban

- Launched campaign in April.
- Introducing legislation to ban natural gas hookups in new construction and renovations.

STEPS TO EQUITABLE ELECTRIFICATION

Assess the Communities' Needs

Establish Community-Led
Decision-Making

Develop Metrics and a Plan for Tracking

Ensure Funding and Program
Leveraging

Improve Outcomes



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