



Community Grants Program

New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYS P2I) provides financial and technical support for projects that raise awareness and understanding of pollution prevention practices and lead to implementation at the local level

Sunset Park Clean Air, Clean Water & Climate Health Initiative

Organization & Contact Information

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Project Description

UPROSE is an intergenerational, multi-racial, multi-national organization dedicated to the development of Southwest Brooklyn and the empowerment of its residents primarily through broad and converging sustainable development, environmental and youth justice campaigns. UPROSE aims to ensure and heighten community awareness and involvement, develop participatory community planning practices, and promote sustainable development with justice and governmental accountability.

UPROSE will train and educate the Sunset Park community on the environmental and public health issues affecting their community such as water quality, air quality, and climate change issues. A series of educational and action-based activities will increase knowledge of such issues and provide pollution prevention steps the community can take to be a part of the solution. These include:

- Training youths to test tap water and local waterways for contaminants (such as lead, mercury, pesticides, bacteria, nitrates, etc.) using Watersafe water testing kits. The youth participants will then take a sample of their tap water, verify the results, and keep journals about their work.
- Training youths to conduct air monitoring using a mobile air monitoring device to document levels of sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO) in various locations throughout the community.
- UPROSE will video record air and water testing activities and present to the community.

Project Status

Air monitoring activities are expected to begin shortly. UPROSE is working with three classes at a local Middle School that will be participating in the water testing component of the project. The Sunset Park Alliance for Youth, a project partner, has been notified that subsequent air and water monitoring activities will begin shortly as well.

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