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Earth Celebrations'

ECOLOGICAL CITY: PROCESSION FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

SATURDAY MAY 14, 2022 - Gardens to Waterfront - Lower East Side, NYC



ECOLOGICAL CITY – Procession for Climate Solutions is an urban ecological pilgrimage featuring a spectacular procession of visual art, giant puppets and costumes with 20 sustainability site performances of music, dance, theater and poetry celebrating climate solution initiatives throughout the Lower East Side community gardens, neighborhood and East River Park waterfront.

Participants explore this inspiring urban ecosystem of the Lower East Side community gardens, neighborhood and waterfront embedded with inspiring climate solutions – from bio-swales, water harvesting ponds, solar gazebos and pollinator gardens to green roofs and rooftop bee farming and waterfront coastal resiliency designs with wetlands and oyster planting to organically improve water quality.

Ecological City is directed by social action artist Felicia Young, Founder of Earth Celebrations, a non-profit organization since 1991, in collaboration with over 50 partner organizations, 500 artists, gardeners and residents. The collaborative art project mobilizes action and engagement on the urban sustainable ecosystem and the importance of these local efforts to city and global climate challenges.

Ecological City is an evolution of Earth Celebrations' 30 years of pioneering "Creative Placemaking" and "Cultural Organizing" strategies, including the 15 year "Procession to Save Our Gardens" and coalition efforts that led to the preservation of hundreds of community gardens on the Lower East Side and throughout New York City, as well as theatrical pageants, that engaged community in river and waterfront restoration.

Earth Celebrations directs ECOLOGICAL CITY in partnership with over 50 partner groups including: LUNGS (Loisaida Urban Neighborhood Gardens – representing 48 Lower East Side Gardens), NYC Community Garden District, Green Map, East Village Community Coalition, Lower East Side Girls Club, University Settlement, Henry Street Settlement, Educational Alliance, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation, Sixth Street Community Center, Loisaida Inc. Center, Clemente Center, East River Park Action, East River Park Coalition, Friends of Corlears Hook Park, Lower East Side Ecology, Solar One, Waterfront Alliance, Gaia Institute, FABnyc, Arts Loisaida, Museum of Reclaimed Urban Space, Studio 55C, Grace Exhibition Space, East Side Community School, Children's Workshop School and New York University.

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Ecological City Promo Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJRSttEJZbs&t=36s>

Ecological City - Mini Doc - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGLPViSVS9I&t=5s>

Ecological City- Slide Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GoWevNhBB0>

