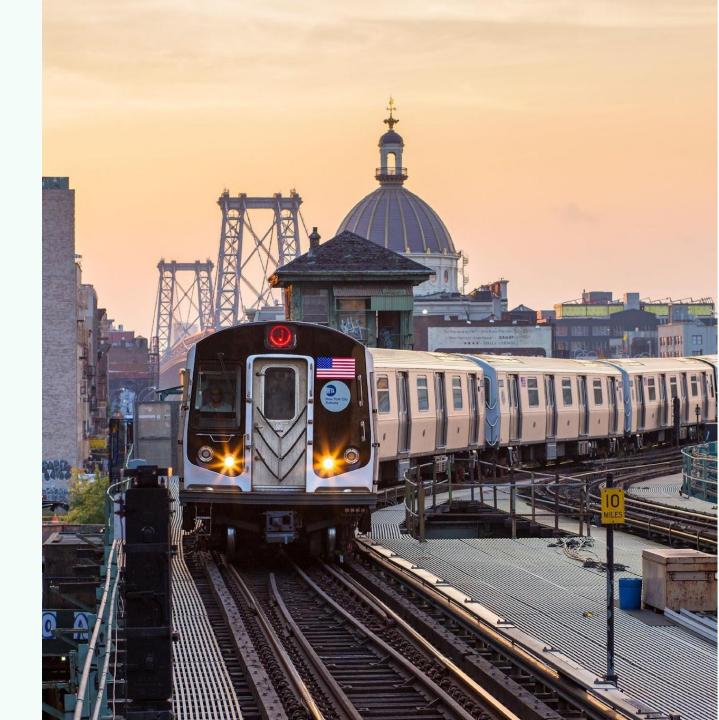


# Health, Energy, and Equity in Policy

# **AEG Action Challenge**

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# Climate and Health Impacts in NYC

# Air Quality

- Fossil fuel combustion emits PM2.5, other pollutants linked to respiratory illness and even premature death
- The impacts of air pollutant do not entirely correlate with the highest concentration of pollutants

### • Extreme Heat

- On average, approximately 370 heat-related deaths in NYC each year, with unequal impacts
- More than all other extreme weather events combined.

# Energy Cost Burden

- Families that pay over 6% of their income on energy bills are considered energy cost burdened
- As of 2019, over 480,000 low- income families in NYC were energy cost burdened

# Environment & Health Data Portal Heat Stress: Heat Vulnerability Index by NTA - Score (Lowest 1 - Highest 5), 2018, No. (NTA)

**HEAT VULNERABILITY INDEX** 

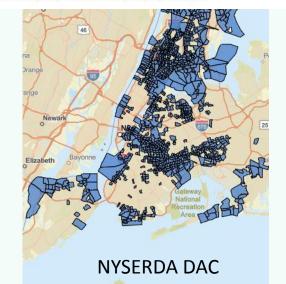
PM<sub>2.3</sub>-Attributable Asthma Emergency Department Visits - Estimated Annual Rate- Children 0 to 17 Yrs Old (per 100,000 children), 2015-2017, Neighborhood (UHF 42)

Estimated Annual Rate. Children 0 to 17 Yrs Ots (per 100,000 children), 2015-2017

12.2 59 73.4 99.3 162.5 424.7

About the Indicators

PM2 5-attributable authma ED visits represent part of the health burden imposed by fine particle air pollution



PM2.5 ATTRIBUTABLE ASTHMA



# **Impacts informing Policy**

# Air Quality

- Leading the Charge School electrification
  - Prioritize districts with high rates of Asthma
- Require retrofitting of char broilers by 2027

#### • Extreme Heat

- Maximum indoor temperature policy
  - Informed by AC access discrepancy
- Tree Planting and Maintenance
  - Informed by HVI

# Energy Cost Burden

- Energy Rate Advocacy
  - Energy Cost Burden from ACS data



