



Mayor's Office of Climate and Resiliency

Position Title: Policy Advisor, Stormwater Resiliency
Job Number: 34441

Organizational Profile:

The Mayor's Office of Climate and Resiliency (MOCR) strives to adapt New York City to the unprecedented challenges of climate change, creating a more resilient, equitable and vibrant city for the New Yorkers of today and generations to come. Through science-based analysis, policy and program development, and capacity building, MOCR leads the City's efforts to transform the city's communities, buildings, infrastructure, and waterfront to build resilience in the face of multiple climate threats, including sea level rise, storm surge, extreme heat, and intense precipitation, in the near- and long-term.

MOCR achieves our mission by focusing on four central pillars as described by OneNYC 2050: (1) mitigating physical risks, (2) empowering residents and businesses, (3) building a climate-ready government, and (4) advancing and applying climate science. MOCR is also developing a new Climate Adaptation Roadmap, which will incorporate the successes and lessons learned from the post-Sandy recovery and rebuilding period, while also planning for the next generation of climate hazards. This Roadmap will identify the greatest climate-related threats facing New York City, and recommend a prioritized sequence of climate adaptation measures for the short, medium, and long-term, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable residents and neighborhoods.

Equity is central to MOCR's work. MOCR launched a cross-office Equity Core Team which is working to better understand how inequitable systems and institutions make communities more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and develop new policies to proactively address these inequities and advance climate equity in New York City.

MOCR is composed of climate policy experts, urban planners, architects, scientists, engineers, and lawyers. Under the direction of the Director, MOR is organized by seven teams that are led by Deputy Directors: (1) Climate Science and Services, (2) Social Resiliency, (3) Land Use & Buildings, (4) Infrastructure and Energy, (5) Waterfront Resiliency, (6) Program Coordination and Delivery, and (7) External Affairs.

Job Description

MOCR is seeking a Policy Advisor for Stormwater Resiliency to work within the Infrastructure and Energy team. The candidate will support MOCR-led initiatives from the recently announced post-Ida report titled [The New Normal: Combating Storm-Related Extreme Weather in NYC](#) and can expect to support the implementation efforts of the [NYC Stormwater Resiliency Plan](#). The New Normal report includes robust and swift investments in stormwater resiliency work in NYC, as well as commitments to implement innovative best practices such as "cloudburst" stormwater solutions. This work will include, but is not limited to:

- Coordinate across City agencies and external stakeholders to implement the initiatives outlined in the reports above, as well as additional initiatives as needed.
- Support identification, outreach, and implementation of the “cloudburst neighborhoods” portfolio.
- Support policy development for stormwater resiliency, including research, engagement, etc.
- Assist in coordinating research efforts with private and academic partners.
- Serve as a stormwater resiliency subject matter expert within MOCR and other government experts.
- Build internal capacity (tools, proficiency, understanding) on stormwater resiliency within city government.
- Coordinate internally across MOCR teams to advance stormwater resiliency.

Preferred Qualifications

- A Bachelors degree in engineering, architecture, environmental science with specific course experience in water/wastewater/stormwater and 3-5 years of full time professional work with a focus on stormwater management.
- Demonstrated grasp of stormwater challenges in an urban setting and climate change impacts. NYC specific experience a plus.
- Proven written, verbal, presentation, and communication skills of complex topics to wide audiences.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment.
- Experience with GIS a plus.

Salary: Commensurate with experience.

To Apply: Please submit a one-page cover letter, resume, and 3 references to [Candidate Application](#).

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