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HEALTH OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY LEADERS TO TOUR “TOXICS AND TREASURES”

Northern Manhattan CARE Collaborative Members To Confront Health Risks in Area

NEW YORK – WE ACT for Environmental Justice, a leading advocate for environmental justice for two decades, will be conducting a bus tour of Northern Manhattan on Wednesday, July 9 to observe toxic sites in the area from a public health perspective and to consider ideas to restore some of them as community resources, just like several historic Harlem sites to also featured be on the tour.

The “Toxics and Treasures” tour will benefit members of the new Northern Manhattan Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Collaborative. The CARE Collaborative, coordinated by WE ACT for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and representing more than 30 organizations active in Harlem and Washington Heights, will meet over the next year and conduct community surveys to identify critical health risks from toxic sites in the area, along with possible solutions.

The bus tour will follow a private retreat in which CARE Collaborative participants will be briefed by health, governmental and environmental experts about public health hazards in Northern Manhattan.

WHAT: “Toxics and Treasures” bus tour of Northern Manhattan

WHEN: Wednesday, July 9, 2008, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Bus tour starts at the Oberia Dempsey Center, 127 West 127th Street, Harlem

WHO: Members of the CARE Collaborative, representing the entire Northern Manhattan community

WHY: For governmental, health and environmental experts, community leaders, and the media to learn first-hand about Northern Manhattan’s history, opportunities, and hidden community dangers