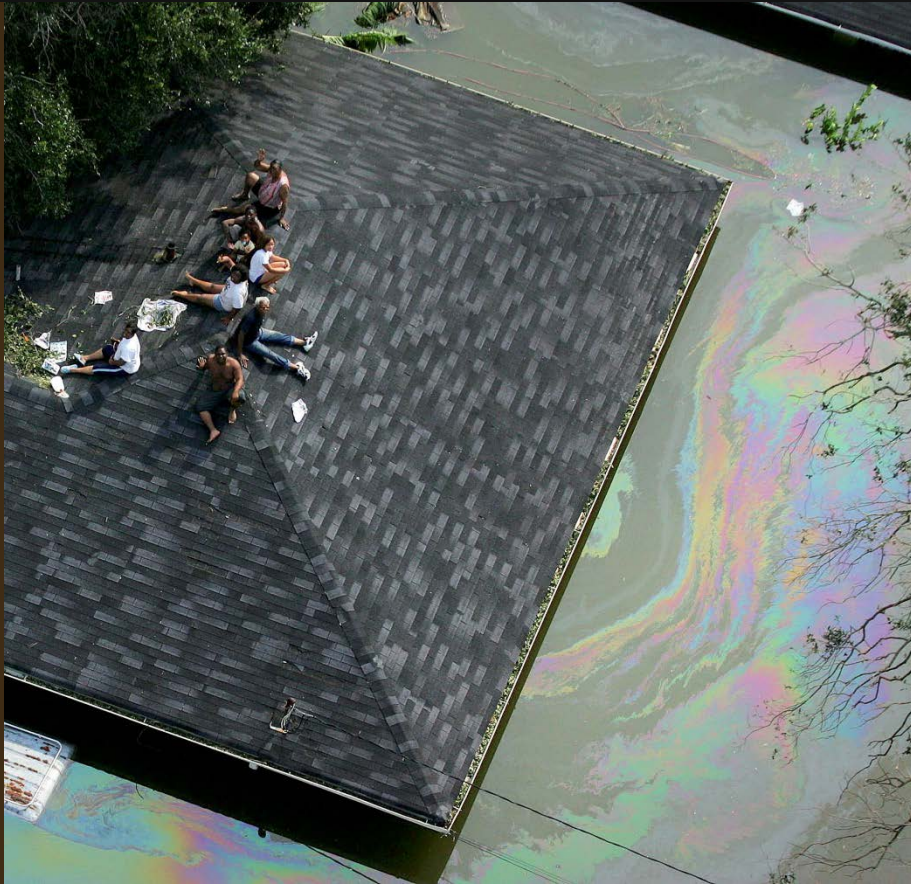


Community-Owned Solar in Sunset Park



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Climate Justice



- Climate change impacts low income people and people of color first and worst
- Our experience now descends from legacy of extraction of labor and resources
- Climate justice is about challenging underlying racial and economic structures
- Solutions must be local and come from the bottom up, not the top down

A Just Transition

- The climate crisis exists at the intersection of many crises



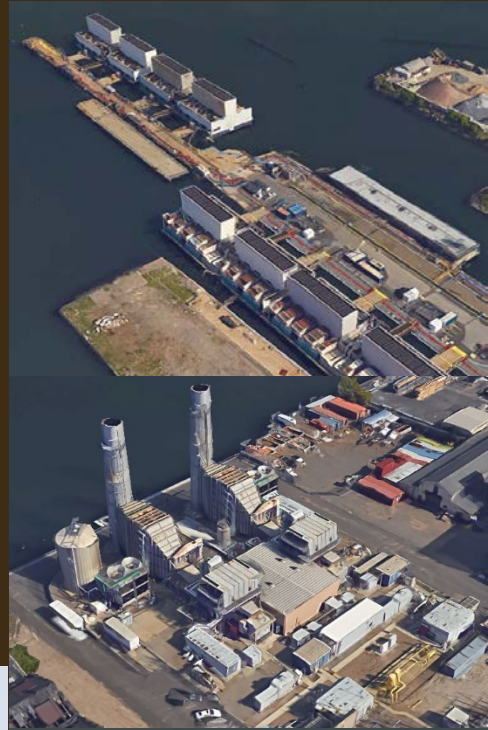
A Just Transition in Sunset Park

- How does a community operationalize a Just Transition locally?
- Sunset Park classic industrial waterfront vulnerable to climate change
- Similar to communities across the nation, can serve as a model



Environmental Burdens

- Heavy clustering of noxious and toxic land uses
- Dozens of contaminated brownfields
- Three peaker plants within 10 blocks
- In close proximity to residential, work, and recreational sites



Community-Owned Solar

- Develop a community shared solar array in Sunset Park
- Provide lower-cost energy for low-income residents
- Low-income renters in Sunset Park own a share of the solar array



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