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**TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND AND THE NEW YORK CLIMATE EXCHANGE
ANNOUNCE CLIMATE WEEK NYC 2026 ON GOVERNORS ISLAND**

20+ events will highlight the Island's transformation into a hub for research, education, and demonstration of equitable climate solutions for New York City and beyond

NEW YORK, NY (September 3, 2026) – The Trust for Governors Island and The New York Climate Exchange today unveiled a lineup of Climate Week 2026 programming set for September 20-27, 2026, highlighting the Island's growing role at the forefront of climate innovation in New York City. This year's events include discussions, workshops, performances, climate tech demonstrations, guided tours, art exhibitions, a climate pep rally, and more programs exploring the intersections between science, nature, tech, policy, advocacy, art, and community.

"Climate Week is a shining example of what we're growing here on Governors Island—a destination where work, education, research, creativity, and play all happen side by side," **said Clare Newman, President and CEO of the Trust for Governors Island.** "This year, we're proud to join with The New York Climate Exchange and all of our partners to present programming that shows the many ways climate issues touch all our lives and fosters connection across both disciplines and communities."

"This week is a preview of what's coming: leaders from business, government, academia, and communities in the same room, building the connections and partnerships that will define The New York Climate Exchange on Governors Island for decades to come," **said M. Sanjayan, CEO of The Exchange.** "Climate Week shows what's possible when people convene with purpose—our campus on Governors Island will make that possible every day, not just one week a year."

Organized each year by the Climate Group, Climate Week NYC runs September 20-27, 2026, and is the largest annual climate event of its kind. Governors Island is at the forefront of researching and demonstrating solutions that can be scaled globally, making it a natural setting for the many events taking place during Climate Week. Its unique waterfront environment complements an award-winning park engineered for climate change; nearly one million annual visitors; opportunities for education, research, and piloting; public artworks engaging with climate issues; and a growing community of educational, nonprofit, and commercial tenants focused on climate solutions—including Billion Oyster Project, the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, NYU Gallatin WetLab, and the soon-to-open Buttermilk Labs.

The Trust and the New York City Mayor's Office have developed a vision to create the Center for Climate Solutions, an initiative on Governors Island to accelerate climate solutions for cities. In April 2023, The New York Climate Exchange, led by Stony Brook University and a consortium

of partners, was selected as the initiative's anchor institution following a two-year competitive process. The Exchange will develop a \$700-million campus on the Island focused on advancing climate solutions and preparing New Yorkers for green jobs, expected to open in 2029.

Climate Week NYC 2026 events on Governors Island are organized by the Trust, the Island's community of partners and tenants, and The Exchange and its core partners. A full schedule of events and presenting organizations can be found below and online at www.govisland.org/climate-week.

Governors Island is open daily year-round and is accessible by ferry from Manhattan and Brooklyn. For ferry schedules, operating hours, things to do, and other visitor information, visit www.govisland.org.

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The Governors Island 2026 season is generously supported by the Blackstone Charitable Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Donald A. Pels Charitable Trust, and Rivian Foundation.

Climate Week NYC on Governors Island Schedule:

Ongoing, digital via Bloomberg Connects

Climate Tech Crawl, the Trust for Governors Island

Download the free Bloomberg Connects app to access a self-guided tour through Governors Island's climate innovations—from resiliency measures built into its landscapes to the latest in climate tech, to the future home of The New York Climate Exchange.

September 19, 11AM-5PM

Preciously, the Planet: A Climate Week Opening Gathering

Climate Imaginarium, Colonels Row Building 406A

A meditation, plastic upcycling, and clothing upcycling workshop with artist Juliana Castaneda where participants can give second-hand items a new life.

September 20, 11AM-4PM

Eco Arts Festival

Climate Imaginarium x Artichoke Dance Company, Colonels Row Building 406A

A day of eco-inspired performances, installations, films and interactive workshops and activities that are free and open to the public.

September 21, 11AM-5PM

The Art of Change: An Opening Ceremony for Climate Week NYC

Climate Imaginarium x The Artivist Network, Colonels Row Building 406A

A public and participatory intervention led by the Artivist Network's "Artivist-in-Residence" program that reimagines climate justice as an intersectional issue that requires the realignment of our relationship with nature.

September 22, 9AM-12PM

Interdisciplinary Charette: Creative Solutions to Advance New York's Resilience Priorities

New York Climate Exchange x Waterfront Alliance x HNTB, LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

Building on discussions held at the 2026 Waterfront Alliance Conference, government leaders, community organizations, designers, engineers, researchers, and industry representatives will come together to develop actionable recommendations for addressing climate challenges facing New York City and the surrounding region.

September 22, 1-3:30PM

Activating Data Across Urban Environments

New York Climate Exchange, LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

A collaborative program that brings together the scientists, agencies, and community partners generating environmental data across New York City that uses Governors Island's own environmental sensing efforts as a working case study, then opens into a broader conversation about how disparate data streams across NYC can be coordinated, shared, and activated.

September 23, 12-4PM

Climate Solutions Showcase

The Trust for Governors Island, LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

Extreme heat and chronic flooding have become a new normal in New York City. On Governors Island, novel adaptation solutions that New Yorkers will depend on aren't only concepts; they're reality. From recyclable flood barriers to passive cooling technology, the Trust's Climate Piloting Program supports more than two dozen innovative solutions that are paving the way for more resilient and sustainable cities. Participants will be able to see emerging tech in action, hear the founders pitch, and connect with the dynamic climate piloting ecosystem on Governors Island.

September 23, 1-3PM

From the Farm to the City: Agricultural Enhanced Rock Weathering as a Climate Solution

NYU Gallatin WetLab, Nolan Park Building 20

A session exploring enhanced rock weathering (ERW) as a Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) technique featuring an overview of the process, an interactive demonstration, and discussion and analysis.

September 23, 4-6PM

Climate Trivia & Happy Hour

The Trust for Governors Island x Green Apple Trivia, Taco Vista

Unwind with drinks, harbor views, and tacos—all while putting your eco-knowledge to the test with climate trivia in partnership with Green Apple Trivia.

September 23-25

Climate Leaders Exchange

New York Climate Exchange

The Climate Leaders Exchange launch event, *Building Forward: Cities Advancing Energy Efficient Homes*, is focused on urban leaders. This program brings together city staff and technical experts from across the country to share strategies, exchange peer insights, and advance actionable solutions—in this case residential energy efficiency. Cities represented in this year's Climate Week event include Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Madison, New York City, Philadelphia, Portland, Raleigh, San Francisco, and Seattle.

September 25, 11AM-1PM

Mental Health in a Disastrous Climate: Catalyzing Our Feelings to Mobilize Action for a Better Tomorrow

Climate Imaginarium, Colonels Row Building 406A

A spirited conversation about the ways the climate crisis takes a toll on mental health, including discussions on how to cope during turbulent times while building connection with each other and the natural world and letting our emotions lead us to take action.

September 25, 5:30-7:30PM

Earth Matter's Second Bloom

Earth Matter NY, The Lavender Field

A community gathering with the Island's official composting partner, open to all who are curious about the role of compost and soil in a circular economy.

September 26, 10:30AM-3:30PM

Homecoming: For the Harbor

LMCC x The New York Climate Exchange, LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

A climate pep rally complete with artists, musicians, marching bands, cheerleaders, and art-making workshops, plus climate scientists and environmental advocates.

September 26, 1-3:30PM

Meet the Climate Innovators & Walking Tour

The Trust for Governors Island, Liggett Terrace

Several of the Trust's climate piloting projects will be showcasing their products at Liggett Terrace, including Circular Economy Manufacturing, PooPoof, CarbonCLAIR, ThermoShade, True Flood Risk, Tensora Coastal, and Sunphade. Stop by after grabbing lunch from one of the Liggett Terrace food vendors, and stick around for a free walking tour at 2PM.

September 26, 11:45AM

Climate Week Tree Tour

The Trust for Governors Island, Soissons Landing Welcome Center

A walking tour that spotlights the role Governors Island's 3,500+ trees play in its climate resiliency—storing carbon, reducing urban heat, managing stormwater, and providing important habitat for wildlife.

September 26, 12-5PM

Climate Week Open Studios

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC), LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

LMCC invites the public into the workspaces and creative processes of the 2026 Cohort of Arts Center Residents.

September 26, 2-4PM

What's in the Cards? A Creative Climate Tarot Experience

Climate Imaginarium, Colonels Row Building 406A

Climate change demands that we face the unknown. In this workshop, participants will create art inspired by nature and tarot while imagining solutions to face the future with resilience.

September 26, 2-4PM

Plants Who Speak: Workshop & Ceremony, Jimena Vega & Sarah Walko

Taiwanese American Arts Council, Nolan Park Building 17

Participants will walk through Governors Island, gather fallen leaves and natural materials, and create botanical monotypes using plants as inspiration. Through walking, observing, collecting, and creating, participants are invited to slow down, listen, and ask: What might plants tell us if we learn how to listen?

September 26, 4-6PM

CARRY WATER: A Climate Week Performance by Chin-Chih Yang

Taiwanese American Arts Council, Nolan Park Building 17

The artist will carry and deliver water to arts organizations throughout Nolan Park, reflecting on climate change, environmental responsibility, and our most essential resource. Through carrying and sharing water, Yang transforms an everyday necessity into a gesture of connection, community, and environmental awareness.

September 27, 1-2:30PM

The Tree of Life Painting Workshop

Taiwanese American Arts Council, Nolan Park Building 17

The Tree of Life is a universal symbol found in mythology, religion, and philosophy, connecting heaven, Earth, the underworld, and all forms of life. In this workshop, participants will create their own Tree of Life with colors, forms, and details from their imaginations.

September 27, 1:30-4PM

Right to Flight: A Public Performance & Participatory Artwork

Climate Imaginarium, Colonels Row Building 406A

A participatory public artwork and performance that responds to the hundreds of thousands of migratory birds killed each year through collisions with New York City's glass buildings.

Fridays-Sundays, 12-5PM

Leslie Wayne: The Unintended Blues

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC), LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

An exhibition documenting rising sea levels through aerial landscape paintings of vulnerable U.S. shorelines and melting icebergs in the Arctic Circle. In these works, Wayne captures the beauty of our natural environment and renders with graphic clarity one of our greatest existential threats.

Weekends, 11AM-5PM

SILVERS Exhibition

Forest for Trees Collective, Nolan Park Building 7B

An exhibition honoring matriarchal legacies by honors this matriarchal legacy by centering the voices of women over fifty who are leading environmental justice movements, stewarding land, and redefining sustainability through lived experience.

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About the Trust for Governors Island

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit www.govisland.org.

About The New York Climate Exchange

The New York Climate Exchange (“The Exchange”) is a new nonprofit designed to accelerate climate solutions. By leveraging the perspectives of a cross-sector network of diverse partners and New York City’s global influence, The Exchange engages in cutting-edge research, delivers impactful education and training, hosts world-class convenings, and scales climate technology solutions. The Exchange is developing a state-of-the-art climate campus on Governors Island that will bring climate scientists, educators, entrepreneurs, and changemakers under one roof—sparking the collaborations and breakthrough ideas we need to build a sustainable future. Learn more at www.nyclimateexchange.org.