



# UNAR NEWSLETTER

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Legislative Action on Climate Change

## Things to Know

1. In May 2024, Governor Hochul was appointed as a Chair of the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of 24 U.S. governors advocating for bold climate action.
2. The Governor has announced that nearly \$300 million is available in funding through several NYS programs that support local resilience projects and protect the health and safety of communities.

**In May and June of 2024**, the NYS Senate and Assembly passed the Climate Change Superfund Act. This act will aim to establish the climate change adaptation cost recovery program and the climate change adaptation fund. This will be done by making polluting companies pay for damages caused to New Yorkers, which will raise an anticipated \$3 billion per year. The bill now awaits Governor Hochul's signature.

**A less than positive legislative update:** the NYS Assembly failed to pass the NY Home Energy Affordable Transition (NY HEAT) Act. This act aimed to lower home energy bills for low-to-moderate income households in New York by capping their energy bills at 6% of their earnings. This would save families vast amounts of money and help to reduce emissions. The act has now returned to the Assembly months after its initial return to the Senate.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

UNAR UN Day  
'Climate Hits Home':  
Thursday October 24, 2024  
Rochester Academy of Medicine,  
1441 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14610



New York Governor Hochul,  
Co-Chair of U.S. Climate Alliance