

Donna U. Hope

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EDUCATION

- **M.Sc.**, Environmental Engineering - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, NY 2003
Dual Degree Undergraduate Engineering Program:
- **B.S.**, Civil Engineering, Environmental Concentration - RPI, Troy, NY 2000
- **B.S.**, General Science and Engineering, Mathematics Minor - Spelman College, Atlanta, GA 2000

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Emerald Cities Collaborative** - Climate Justice Director 2021
Project management and facilitation between non-profit, private, and corporate sectors to advance sustainability directives to center environmental and climate justice.

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- **The JPB Foundation** – Environment Division 2015 – 2020
Discovery of youth environmental justice organizations, advisement of grantees regionally addressing environmental justice, Progress Report reviews and grantee group meeting coordination.
- **American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)** 2019 – 2020
Outreach to Minority Serving Institutions, DEI organizational assessment and advisement.
- **EcoDistricts** 2019 – 2020
Racial equity advisor for expanding reach of Accredited Professionals.
- **The Trust for Public Land** 2018 – 2019
Equity consultant assisting with the development of the new strategic plan.
- **U.S. Department of Energy – National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)** 2017 – 2018
Initiatives to expand audience reach and inclusivity of the Collegiate Wind Competition.
- **Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)** – Center for Market Innovation 2015
Recommendations and proposals to advance economic equity within Energy Efficiency for All.

Public Policy

- **Sustainable Westchester & City of New Rochelle** 2019 – 2020
Sustainable advisor and Campaign Director leading outreach and advocacy of energy efficiency incentives and rebates to homeowners and renters in New Rochelle.
- **NYC Mayor's Office of Sustainability & Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)** 2012 – 2015
Policy Advisor leading implementation of the Greener, Greater Buildings Plan of PlaNYC 2030, the energy and water efficiency Local Laws 84, 85, 87, and 88. Managed LL84 input tool US EPA ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, led analysis of LL84 results and co-authored first three Benchmarking Reports. Under administrations of Mayors Michael R. Bloomberg and William de Blasio.
- **New York City Local Law 84 Benchmarking Help Center** 2011 – 2012
Supervisor managing staff of 10 handling 1,200 assistance calls to constituents. Tech liaison between City, state and federal partners, instrumental in NYC achieving 75% compliance in first year of LL84 adoption.

Philanthropic Grantmaking Advisory

- **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.** DEI Capacity Building Grant Initiative. 2020
Advisory Community Member for 2-year capacity building grant to help support conservation organizations in their DEI work and to identify ways to practice grantmaking in a more inclusive way.
- **WE ACT for Environmental Justice.** NYS Environmental Justice Grant Initiative. 2020
Review Panel Member to regrant \$1M from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to bolster the capacity of 18 organizations and groups advancing environmental justice throughout New York State.

Property Management

- Landlord and Property Manager 2005 – Present
Manager of 2-family rental property in New Rochelle, Westchester County, NY.
- Co-op Board Secretary, Property Manager 2014 – 2017
Energy efficiency advisor of 21-unit multi-family co-op building in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, NYC.

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Project Engineer

- **Roux Associates** 2007 – 2009
Project Manager and Site Safety Officer for several multi-million-dollar EIS phase III remediation projects.
- **Malcolm Pirnie** (*since acquired by Arcadis*) 2003 – 2007
Lead developer of 2-D NYC water distribution system hydraulic model, commissioned by the NYC DEP.

Chair

- Climate Reality Leadership Corps. NYC-Metro chapter 2017 – 2020
- Environmental Professionals Of Color (EPOC). New York City chapter 2013 – 2017
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Climate & Environmental Justice Advisory

- US Action for Climate Empowerment Strategic Planning Framework 2020
- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County – Energy Navigators 2020
- EnergySmart Homes – Energy efficiency advisory board. New Rochelle, NY. 2019 – 2021
- Sustainable United Neighborhoods (SUN) – Advisor. Brooklyn, NYC. 2019 – 2020
- Climate Reality Leadership Corps – DEI. Washington, D.C. 2017 – 2019
- Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Green Fund. Atlanta, GA. 2015 – 2018
- Demos – Climate Equity Advisory Committee. New York City. 2015 – 2017
- The Raben Group – Green 2.0 Working Group Advisor. Washington, D.C. 2014 – 2019
- Vokashi Kitchen Waste Solution. Brooklyn, NYC. 2009 – 2011

PUBLIC SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

(Please see website www.uhope-consulting.com for complete list)

- [“The Power of this Moment: Recommendations from the BIPOC Climate Justice Dialogue on Collaboration Efficiency for Justice40”](#) U.S. Climate Action Center at COP26, Glasgow, Scotland (via video) Nov 2021
- [“Cooperative Works Report Launch Event”](#) Urban Design Forum Forefront Fellows (via video) Feb 2021
- [“Environmental Justice & Black Lives Matter”](#) Ecological Institute | Post Carbon Cities of Tomorrow June 2020
- [“Women Advancing Climate Policy Solutions”](#) Omega Institute, Project Drawdown Learn. Oct 2019
- [“Unpacking the Green New Deal: The Critical Importance of Equity”](#) “ “ “ “ Oct 2019
- [“More Green, Less White: Diversity in the Environmental Movement”](#) The City Club of Cleveland. Mar 2019
- [“Climate Reality Leaders: Who We Are.”](#) Climate Reality Leadership Corps. Pittsburgh, PA Oct 2018
- [“The Green Hour”](#). WURD 900AM Philadelphia Radio Show. Sept 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Climate Reality Project – Co-Chair NYC Chapter, Mentor
- Doris Duke Conservation Scholars – Mentor
- EcoDistricts – Accredited Professional
- ELP, Environmental Leadership Program – Senior Fellow
- LEED USGBC – Green Associate
- POCACTIO, Post Carbon Cities of Tomorrow – Member
- Urban Design Forum – Forefront Fellow
- WRISE, Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy – Member