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Peggy Shepard is executive director and co-founder of WE ACT For Environmental Justice. Founded in 1988 in West Harlem, WE ACT works to build community power to improve environmental health, policy and protection in communities of color. She is a recipient of the **10th Annual Heinz Award For the Environment, and the Dean's Distinguished Service Award** from the Columbia Mailman School of Public Health in 2004. WE ACT is a nationally recognized organization in the field of community-based participatory research in partnership with the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.

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