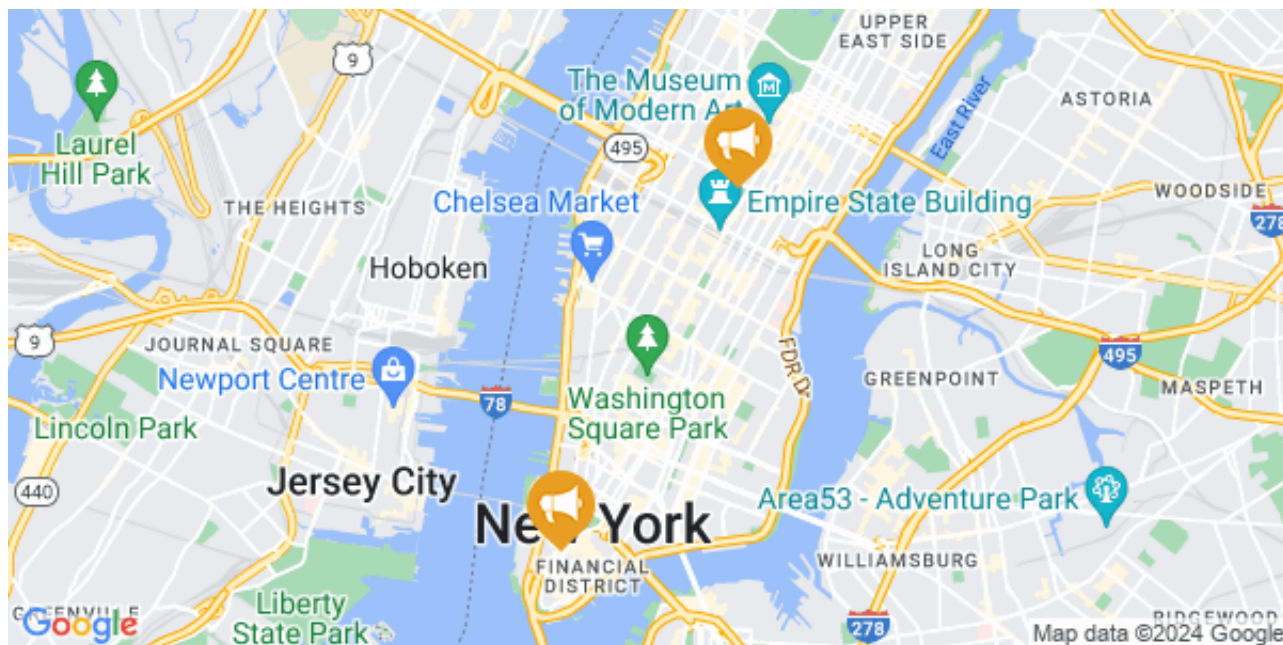


## Protest

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**USA Tactical: Environmental activists to hold two protests in New York City, NY on June 26, 28; maintain heightened vigilance**

## Current Situation

- Environmental activists associated with the Summer of Heat social action group have organized a protest on June 26, as well as a march and a 'non-violent civil disobedience' action in New York City, NY on June 28.
- On June 26, a protest is scheduled to take place in front of the New York Public Library in Bryant Park, Midtown Manhattan from 09:00 (local time) onwards. The protest aims to denounce insurance companies for collaborating with oil and gas projects.

- Meanwhile, on June 28, a march is scheduled to start at Zuccotti Park on Cedar Street in Financial District, Lower Manhattan at 10:00 and proceed to the headquarters of a US-based multinational investment bank at 388 Greenwich Street.

- The group has stated that its goal is to march with 1,000 people and have over a hundred protestors engage in nonviolent civil disobedience.
- The protest action is part of similar actions held nationwide denouncing large banks and corporations over their climate policies and for allegedly financing fossil fuel projects.



## Assessments & Forecast

1. Although the organizers estimate a participation in the low thousands, the upcoming protests are likely to witness a turnout in the low-to-mid hundreds each. This is based on social media traction and previous protests conducted in New York City as part of the 'Summer of Heat on Wall Street' campaign, including on June 13 and 21.
2. Although the march is likely to transpire without major instances of unrest, the planned disobedience action could likely see protestors deploying disruptive tactics such as blocking the entrance to the bank headquarters to prevent employees from entering. This could lead to security forces forcibly removing protestors and conducting arrests, as seen on June 10, 13 and 21 during 'Summer of Heat' demonstrations. These actions could consequently result in localized scuffles between protestors and security forces.
3. A bolstered security presence can be expected near Zuccotti Park and the bank headquarters to

monitor proceedings and carry out arrests, should demonstrations lead to disruptive tactics.

4. Meanwhile, disruptions to traffic can be expected near Bryant Park on June 26, as well as the start and end points of the march and along Greenwich Street, the potential march route, on June 28.

## Recommendations

1. Those residing or operating in New York City, NY on June 26 and 28 are advised to maintain heightened vigilance near the aforementioned locations due to the potential for localized scuffles during the protests.
2. Allot for disruptions to traffic in the vicinity of the aforementioned locations.