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Subject: Hurricane Sandy Weekly News Round-up: Obama Administration releases guide on climate resiliency for health care providers

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With many issues still unresolved in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Good Jobs New York is keeping the spotlight on government money in the rebuilding process. For more on opportunities for community involvement, follow us on Twitter @GoodJobsNewYork #EyeOnSandyMoney. And let us know how we can make this alert better.

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Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money Weekly News Round-up: December 11-18

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Transparency Tip

All CDBG-DR funded contracts are listed and summarized on the [NYC Recovery website](#).

This Week's News

Disaster Relief

U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand (both D-NY) [announce](#) more than \$1.6 million in FEMA grants will go to the Brooklyn Navy Yard for infrastructure repairs to docks damaged during Sandy.

The MTA will request funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Core Capacity program for \$300 million worth of infrastructure improvements to the Canarsie L line. [Progressive Railroadng](#)

Rebuilding Infrastructure and Resiliency

As part of the [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#), the Obama Administration released a [guide to best practices](#) for health care providers to build climate resiliency in the health sector. [The Hill](#)

In an interview, Dale Sands, Vice Chair of the U.N. Private Sector Advisory Group for Disaster Risk Reduction, discusses efforts to engage the private sector in improving disaster resiliency. [GreenBiz](#)

New research from scientists at Johns Hopkins University has found that cities along the Eastern

Seaboard will see an increase in power outages as climate change takes effect. [Think Progress](#) and [ClimateCentral](#)

The last installment of the [Stormproofing the City series](#) summarizes eight major takeaways on the progress of and challenges facing New York City's effort to become more resilient. [The Guardian](#)

A [Request for Proposals](#) for a study and design of an integrated flood protection system for Red Hook were [announced](#) by Mayor de Blasio and Gov. Cuomo.

ALSO: The new system could feature raised streets and developments, improved drainage and pumping facilities, and floodwalls. [DNAinfo](#)

In this opinion piece, Chris Sturm, Director of State Policy at New Jersey Futures, describes how storm protections currently being rebuilt in New Jersey are not a lasting solution to water-level rise and calls for an update to the State Development Plan favoring smart growth practices. [NJ Spotlight](#)

Researchers from Rutgers University documented a 22% increase in heart attacks and strokes in Sandy victims still grappling with the ongoing recovery work. [The Record](#)

The Urban Justice Center filed a class action lawsuit filed against NYCHA on behalf of residents whose asthma has been severely exacerbated by black mold contaminating residences, in some cases due to Sandy flooding. [New York Daily News](#)

CUNY's Jamaica Bay Science and Resilience Institute uses the hands-on experience offered by observing the area, greatly impacted by climate change and Sandy, to teach and study environmental resiliency. [New York Daily News](#)

New statistics released by the MTA show that 25% of all subways are running late. A spokesman for the agency attributed this to extensive repair work throughout the system due to Sandy damage. [New York Daily News](#)

A group of businesses, investors and government agencies convened to explore how data and analytics can address energy and resource challenges as well as resiliency, mobility and building efficiency. [Cleantech](#)

A letter-to-the-editor by the Executive Director of the Independent Payphone Association of New York says that payphones were vital during Sandy and the contract for updating the system should not go to just one company. [Queens Tribune](#)

Housing

In response to a congressional mandate, FEMA will open an Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate, to address complaints from homeowners on how Sandy damage claims through the National Flood Insurance Program have been handled. [NJ Advance](#)

U.S. Senators Menendez and Booker (both D-NJ) [continue the call](#) for an extension of mortgage debt reduction tax relief for victims of Sandy.

After seeking input from residents, city officials unveiled new designs for a renovated senior center in Red Hook. The original facility was destroyed by Sandy. [DNAinfo](#)

The reversal of The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act was one of the most historic congressional reversals on any issue. [Earth Island Journal](#)

Subscribe to the new **Build it Back newsletter for regular updates of the city's progress with housing recovery efforts.**

Events

List your upcoming event here! Email elizabeth@goodjobsfirst.org

Regional Events

Ongoing, citywide: [New York Free Disaster Assistance Legal Clinics](#).

Upcoming free webinars on Disaster Preparedness and Economic recovery through [RestoreYourEconomy.org](#):

Do you have a group interested in helping with the Sandy rebuild? Check out [this list](#) of ongoing service opportunities to help with hurricane Sandy rebuilding and revitalization.

Brooklyn

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00-3:00: [Jubilee Legal Clinic](#), Coney Island Gospel Assembly, 2828 Neptune Avenue. Visit website for additional hours and information including income requirements.

Advocacy Reports

Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development: [Social Resiliency and Superstorm Sandy: Lessons from New York City Community Organizations](#)

LES Ready!: [Getting LES Ready: Learning from Hurricane Sandy to create a community-based disaster plan for the future](#)

Center for Disaster Philanthropy; Council of New Jersey Grantmakers; Foundation Center; Philanthropy New York: [Philanthropy and Hurricane Sandy: A Report on the Foundation and Corporate Response](#). A new report looks at the role of philanthropy in the response to Hurricane Sandy and how contributions help fund community advocacy, social services and other redevelopment planning processes.

Union of Concerned Scientists: [Encroaching Tides: How Sea Level Rise and Tidal Flooding Threaten U.S. East and Gulf Coast Communities over the Next 30 Years](#)

The Center for New York City Neighborhoods: [Rising Tides, Rising Costs](#)

FloodHelpNY is a dynamic map that allows users to find out what their flood insurance rate will be when new federal flood maps are available in 2016 and provides links to information on purchasing flood insurance.

NYU Furman Center: [The Price of Resilience: Can Multifamily Housing Afford to Adapt?](#)

[Stakeholder Engagement Report: Environmental Justice Climate Change Preparedness in New Jersey](#) [to view the report, follow the link and click on 'Environmental Justice']

The New York League of Conservation Voters: [Taking Stock: Sustainability and Resiliency Progress during Mayor de Blasio's First Six Months](#)

The International Economic Development Council released a guide to help local economies recovering from a disaster: [Leadership in Times of Crisis: A Toolkit for Economic Recovery and Resiliency](#)

New York Communities for Change: [Thousands of Homeowners Still Drowning in Underwater Mortgages: How Toxic Loans Keep Fueling Foreclosures and the Need for Eminent Domain](#)

Risky Business Project: [American Climate Prospectus: Economic Risks in the United States](#)

Report from the ClimateWorks Foundation and the World Bank - [Climate-Smart Development: Adding up the benefits of actions that help build prosperity, end poverty and combat climate change.](#)

Fifth Avenue Committee, [Guidelines to Building Resiliency](#)

North Star Fund, [From The Edge Of Disaster: How Activists and Insiders Can Use the Lessons of Hurricane Sandy to Make the City Safer](#)

New York League of Conservation Voters [Three Point Action Plan](#) to address New York City's most pressing environmental and resiliency challenges

Natural Resources Defense Council: [Preparing for Climate Change: Lessons Learned for Coastal Cities from Hurricane Sandy.](#) This report analyzes FEMA flood maps to reveal that the maps did not account for 65% of the area that was actually inundated by Sandy.

For more advocacy resources, visit Good Jobs New York's [Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money](#)

Federal, State & Local Resources

NEW: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: [Primary Protection: Enhancing Health care Resilience for a Changing Climate](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of the Inspector General audit: [The City of New York, Office of Management and Budget, administration of CDBG -DR Assistance Funds awarded to the city.](#)

Northeast-Midwest Institute: [Building a Climate-Resilient Great Lakes: Federal Resources and Assistance for State and Local Governments](#)

New York City Economic Development Corporation and New York City Department of City Planning: [Water Street: Transforming Water Street's Privately Owned Public Spaces \(POPS\)](#)

Office of the New York City Comptroller, [On the Frontlines: \\$129 billion in property at risk from flood waters](#)

New York City Department of Environmental Protection, [Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan\[update\]](#)

New York City Department of City Planning: [Retrofitting Buildings for Flood Risk](#)

Urban Justice Center's [Mental Health Project](#)

Office of the New York City Comptroller, [A Green Bond Program for New York City](#)

Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General: [Hospital Emergency Preparedness and Response During Superstorm Sandy](#)

Swiss Re report: "[The Big One: The East Coast's USD 100 billion hurricane event](#)"

[Government Accountability Office audit](#) outlining opportunities to enhance FEMA efficiency in operations.

The [New York Recovery Network](#) provides links to disaster relief funding programs, regional trainings and events, and other news and related information on statewide Sandy recovery. Website registration is required.

[New York City's Quarterly Performance Report to HUD](#), April-June 2014.

U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Flood Vulnerability Assessment Map](#)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: [Sea Level Rise and Nuisance Flood Frequency Changes around the United States](#)

New York City Comptroller's Office: [Audit Report on the New York City Housing Authority's Section 3 and Resident Employment Programs](#)

New York City Comptroller's Office released the annual [ClaimStat report](#) along with interactive maps which reveal claims against the city as reported to five city agencies, including sewer overflow claims from 2012-13 reported to the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

New York City Comptroller's Office: [Audit Report](#) on the Department of Homeless Services' Oversight of Contractors Hired to Assist Individuals and Families Displaced by Hurricane Sandy

RISE:NYC, a competition to innovate technologies that will help prepare small businesses for climate change, announced 37 finalists. To read more about the finalists and links to competition updates see the [NYCEDC blog](#)

The Canarsie Coalition prepared a [resource guide](#) including contact information for organizations and individuals involved in addressing unmet needs in Canarsie, Brooklyn.

[LawHelpNY.org](#) launched a mobile site to provide mobile access to information and referrals for low-income New Yorkers seeking help with problems in areas such as housing, family law, consumer debt and immigration.

The Center for NYC Neighborhoods in partnership with the New York State Attorney General, hosts a [Homeowner Hotline](#), a confidential service available to answer housing counseling or legal questions. 311 in New York City, or 855-HOME-456.

New York City Office of Emergency Management [Know Your Zone Hurricane Preparedness website](#).

New York Rising Community Reconstruction Final Plans are now available: <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/nyrcr/final-plans>

One City, Rebuilding Together: A Report on the City of New York's Response to Hurricane Sandy and the Path Forward.

The Program Management Office of the Hurricane Sandy Task Force released its monthly report [pdf] on how 19 federal agencies have so far spent funding from the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013.

A helpful visual guide to the agencies and key decision-makers distributing federal disaster relief funds.

The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City (a private 501-c3) released an update of how the funds it raised for Sandy aid have been allocated.

Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force report, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Strategy: Stronger Communities, A Resilient Region

ALSO: Good Jobs New York provides a critique of the federal Task Force recommendations in a three-part blog series.

For more resources, visit Good Jobs New York's Keeping an Eye on Hurricane Sandy Recovery Money

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